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Get ready for
Whispering Pines

Selectmen OK Over 55 Housing

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The Board of Selectmen has endorsed Whispering Pines, a development of 48 units that will be designated 55 and Over and will exist on three acres of land on Salem Street in North Wilmington.

During the board's meeting on Monday, February 24, Joseph Langone, of Northeastern Development Corporation, and Kristen Costa, of LA Associates, Inc., approached the selectmen and sought an endorsement. They were greeted by much opposition from residents in attendance.

Costa began the presentation

by explaining that they would prefer to build the project under the Local Initiative Program (LIP), as it is the only plan that offers preference for local residents. LIP is also the only plan that requires an endorsement from the Board of Selectmen.

Also available, Costa made clear, was the Housing Stock Program, which does not allow for age restrictions or preferences for current residents. A third option available to developers also would be the new England Fund, which does not require endorsement from the Board of Selectmen.

When residents were given the floor, Frank West started

things off by alleging that Langone had established a policy, in past developments, that required any local residents looking to buy a unit within the proposed complex to list their current home with a real estate agent of Langone's choosing.

"Not true at all," Langone stated.

Selectmen Chairman Robert Cain admonished West by saying that business practices were not within the scope of the hearing.

West next referred to the 70, or so, bills that have been filed by state legislators aimed at changing or even eradicating

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Superintendent Search

School Committee
interviewing 6 finalists

By MEDAY OULLETTE

WILMINGTON - The search committee that is charged with recommending a new superintendent for the Wilmington School System has whittled its list of candidates from 37 to 6.

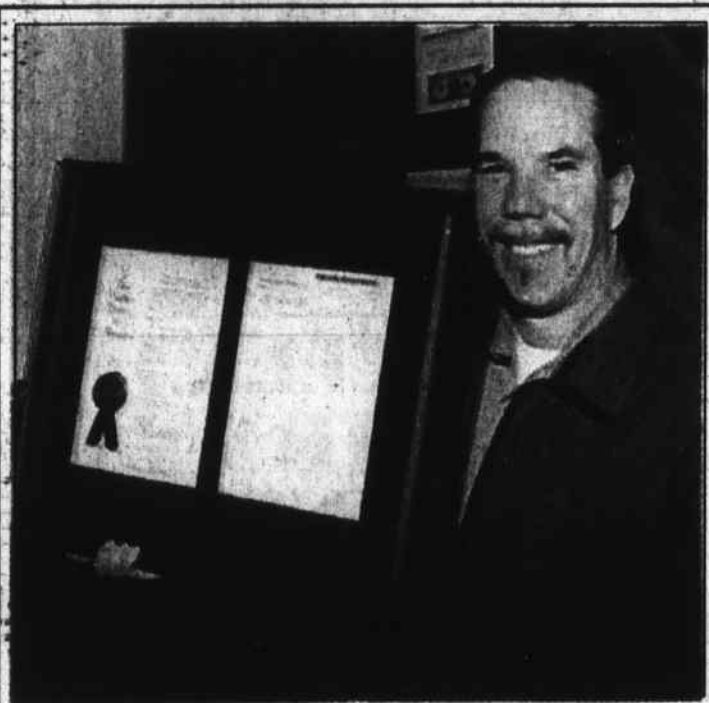
Geraldine O'Donnell, who has served as the Superintendent of Schools in Wilmington for ten years, will resign from the position when the current academic year concludes in June.

The six finalists were

announced at the meeting of the School Committee that was held on Wednesday, February 12. They are Dr. Brian Coughlin, the current Superintendent of the Swampscott Public Schools; William McAlduff, the current Superintendent of the King Philip Regional School District in Wrentham; Dr. Lore Nielsen, the current Assistant Superintendent of the Wilmington School System; Mr.

Andre Ravenelle, the Assistant Superintendent of the Barnstable Public Schools; Dr. Thomas Scott, the current Superintendent of the Shirley Public Schools; and Jeanne

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PLANETS HOLD THE KEY. Joe Williams, of Wilmington, has discovered that certain planetary alignments hold the key to forecasting earthquakes.

(Denise Blair photo)

Forecasting Earthquakes
Local inventor awaiting funding

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The plan for a system that could potentially save countless thousands of lives all around the world sits patiently in a box in a house in Wilmington.

Joe Williams, the owner of that box, has invented a computer system for effectively forecasting earthquakes. He has become a nominee for the very prestigious David Johnson Award, sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and presented by the

National Space Club. The recipient will be notified on March 3 and will be honored during annual Goddard Memorial Dinner that same month.

In addition to that box in his home, there is at least one other place that Williams keeps his plan: The United States Patent Office. The Patent Office holds a copy because after extensive independent examination officials there found Williams' system to be viable and thus issued a utility patent for it.

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A DAY WITH DAD. The North Intermediate Dads' Group held its first event on Wednesday, February 19, when fathers and their kids took to the hills at the Woburn Street School for a morning of sledding. Dad Kevin Callahan found a way for himself, his daughter Kristyn, top, and her friend Fiona Gately, middle, to fit three people on a tiny sled. The group of fathers has more plans for their North Intermediate School children in the months ahead.

(Denise Blair photo)

Town won't take action against
landfill capping project

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - The Board of Selectmen won't be putting a cap on the capping project at the Maple Meadow Landfill.

During a meeting on Monday, February 24, selectmen heeded a recommendation from Town Counsel Michael Newhouse and rejected a plea from local activists to place a cease-and-desist order on the project to cap the Maple Meadow Landfill

by November of 2004.

In January, activists, led by Suzanne Sullivan, submitted a petition to selectmen in which the cease-and-desist was "respectfully" demanded in response to the widely held belief that hazardous materials have been brought to the site by trucks from various construction projects throughout the region. The landfill, which is located off Main Street near the

Woburn line, is owned by the Spinazolas, who allow contractors from such projects as The Big Dig to transport their materials to the site to be used for grading. The profits from such an arrangement have helped finance the capping project at the landfill since it officially began in 2000.

According to Newhouse, the

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Stone's fighter to defend title
Local manager says Ruiz will triumph

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Norm Stone, better known as Stoney in the boxing community, may live in Wilmington, but he is spending a great deal of his time in Las Vegas these days. Stoney is the manager of John Ruiz, the World Boxing Association's World Heavyweight Champion and the world's first Latino to hold a heavyweight championship belt in history.

Ruiz defends his portion of the Heavyweight title against unified Light-Heavyweight Champion Roy Jones, Jr. on Saturday, March 1st. Jones is considered by many boxing experts to be the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world today.

The camp is business as usual for Team Ruiz in preparation for Jones with a few notable exceptions.

In order to combat Jones' elusive style, Team Ruiz has added a significant number of wind sprints to Ruiz's daily regimen, as well as sparring with a number of quick, and likewise elusive, Light-Heavyweights.

"We're sparring about the same amount, but we are using

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more guys and lighter, faster guys this time," says Stoney.

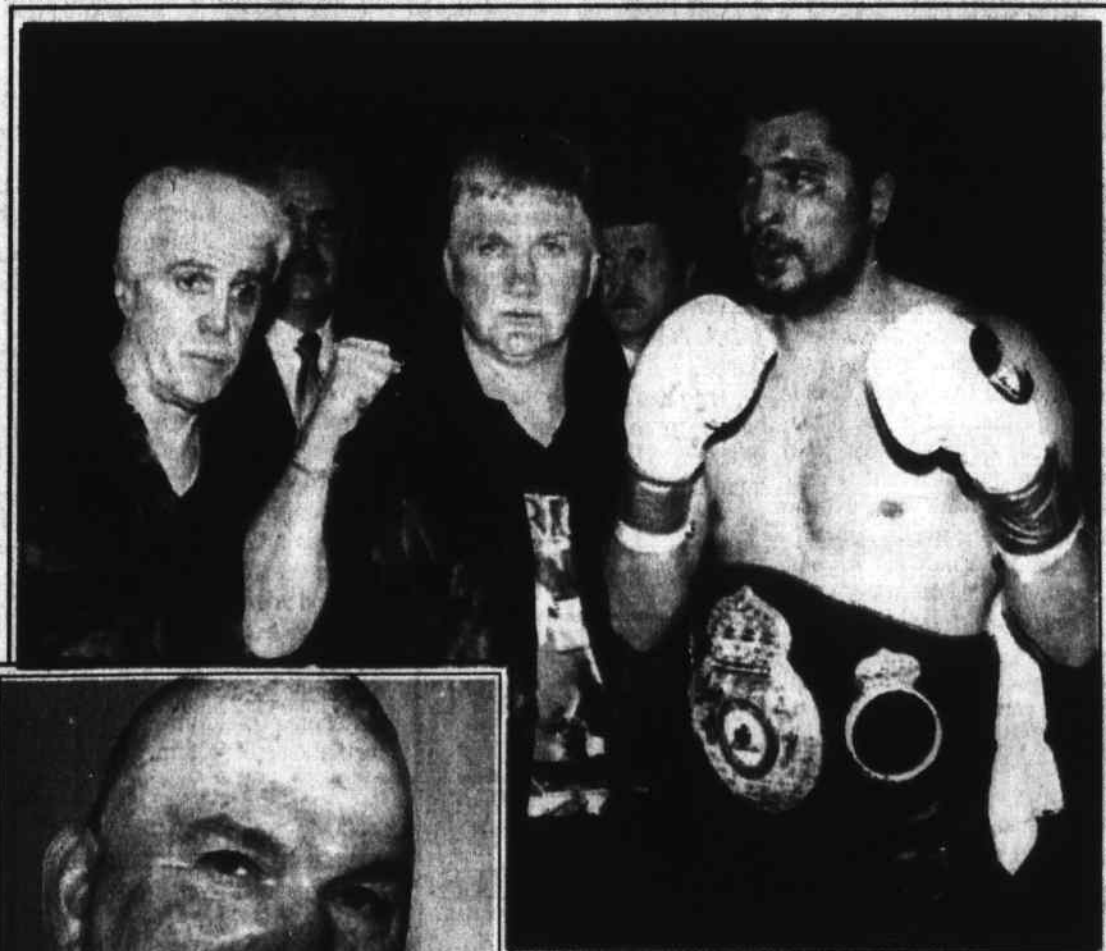
While Ruiz's nickname is the Quiet Man, Stone has established himself as one of the most outspoken and colorful figures to have entered the world of boxing in decades.

Never at a loss for words, he just found out, much to his surprise, that he has been named as the Sportswriters' Manager of the Year for 2002.

"Who woulda thought? I've been breaking their (expletive) for a long time," Stoney laughs.

Stoney has been married for 30 years and has lived in Wilmington for the last 17 years. It doesn't appear that he would want to live anywhere else. His wife works at 129

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IN THE RING. Trainer Gabe LaMarca, left, Manager Norm Stone of Wilmington, center, and WBA Heavyweight Champion John Ruiz, right, are seen here moments after Ruiz's third fight against Evander Holyfield on December 15, 2001. Stone, also seen in the inset at left, shaved his head recently to honor team Ruiz as it prepares for war with Roy Jones, Jr. This Town Crier exclusive photo was provided by Stone's daughter, Cara.





WILMINGTON - FIRE LT. ED CORCORAN inspects the scene at the south bound exit on Rt 93 to Rt 129 on Friday afternoon. A tractor trailer rolled over and blocked traffic for an hour. No one was hurt and only a little diesel fuel spilled. The truck was carrying small plastic parts, bound for a Wilmington distributor. (Stu Neilson photo)

Police Chief Nally to speak at Kiwanis Club

WILMINGTON - Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m., the Kiwanis Club of Wilmington will have as its speaker Police Chief Bernard Nally who will speak on Identity Theft. As this is a very important topic we are inviting anyone from the community to attend this meeting at Rocco's Restaurant.

If you wish to attend, you can leave a message on Secretary Don Rich's answering machine, or just come. Don's phone number is 978-658-5568.

The Kiwanis club is a service organization dedicated to "Serving the Children of the World" and

other service projects in the community. In that vein, we will be hosting a dinner on June 2, 2003, at the Buzzell Senior Center, so if you are a senior, mark your calendars and plan to attend this great event.

Anyone wishing more information about the Kiwanis Club of Wilmington can call Secretary Don Rich at 978-658-5568 or write to the Club at P.O. Box 263, Wilmington, MA 01887. We meet on the first and third Monday of each month at Rocco's at 7 p.m. and always welcome interested men and women who live and/or work in Wilmington and nearby.

Breakfast will benefit pantry

TEWKSBURY - A breakfast benefit will be offered at the Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Sunday, April 6 from 7:30 to 11.

The menu will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, homefries, beans and beverages. Tickets will be available at the door.

Adults \$4, children 12 and under, \$2; toddlers free.

Proceeds will benefit the Tewksbury Community Pantry.

Scholarship applications

TEWKSBURY - Applications are now available for the David W. Scott Memorial Scholarship.

Anyone interested in applying can contact their guidance counselor or send a self addressed, stamped envelope to:

David W. Scott Scholarship Committee, 17 Maplewood Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

Application deadline is April 15, 2003.

Rep. Miceli office hours

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY - Representative James R. Miceli (D-Tewksbury, Wilmington) has announced that his monthly office hours for the month of March.

Wilmington: Monday, March 3 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the small conference room at the town hall.

Tewksbury: Tuesday, March 4, in the auditorium at Tewksbury Town Hall from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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by Joyce Brisbois



TAX BREAKS ON DISASTER LOSSES

Spring brings tumultuous floods, summer sees devastating wildfires, and in the early fall there are hurricanes. When the damage is bad enough, the government declares a disaster area.

The only bright side to disaster is the tax deduction to ease the loss, past a certain threshold: your loss, less insurance proceeds, less \$100 per occurrence, less ten percent of your Adjusted Gross Income for that year. If the place is declared a disaster area, you can file an amended return and write off the loss on the previous year's income for an early refund.

That, however, may not be your best option. If, for instance, your Adjusted Gross Income will be lower after the disaster, which would make a disaster loss more valuable, you might have to wait.

It's not simple to determine your loss; you need to know what the property was worth before the damage- land, structures, personal property- and what it's worth after. An inventory helps.

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Do you have a curious toddler?

Kiwanis Club offering free outlet plugs

WILMINGTON - Outlet Safety Plugs are available at the Town Crier office complements of the Kiwanis Club of Wilmington and the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI). The outlet plugs prevent children from sticking objects into electrical outlets and possibly causing the child to get an electric shock or even electrocution. The plugs are in packages of 10 and are free to parents, grandparents and others who have a need to protect small children in their care. They have been given to local pediatrician practices to distribute, but for the families who don't visit these doctors, they will be available at the Town Crier, 104 Lowell St., Wilmington.

Included in each plug package will be three Child Car Safety Seat Stickers. These stickers are to be applied to the back of infant carriers and toddler car seats. In the case of accident, the child goes into the ambulance in his/her car-

rier or seat and is often separated from his/her parent(s). The stickers have places to write in the child's name, address, parents names and phone numbers (home, work and/or cell), another responsible adult with his/her phone number and the child's pediatrician or primary care physician along with any medical alert conditions the child may have. As a young child cannot answer these questions for the emergency personnel responding to an accident, the stickers do it for him. The Wilmington Police Department have these stickers to apply to child car seats that they inspect for correct installation.

The slogan of Kiwanis International is "Serving the Children of the World" and the Kiwanis Club of Wilmington has adapted that to be "Serving the Children of the World and Wilmington and surrounding communities." Any adult who lives or works in Wilmington is welcome to join the club. We meet on the first and third Mondays at 7 p.m. at Rocco's Restaurant. Come join us for supper and meet a great group of people who are dedicated to bettering our community. For information call Secretary Don Rich at 978-658-5568.

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Letters to the Editor

Taxes, growth top concerns for Lepore

Dear Editor and People of Wilmington:

As my first year as your selectman comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to report to you some of my concerns regarding our community.

First of all, for those of you who have watched our selectmen meetings on local access television, it should not come as any surprise that I have been engaged in a learning process. The range of issues brought before the Wilmington selectmen are many. I am fortunate to serve knowing the history of the town and town hall. My family and friends give me credit for being a quick study and you will be hearing a lot more about my ideas and views in the coming months.

My overriding concern, in addition to learning the ropes, has been to represent you in a time of rapid growth and rising taxes. Furthermore, I want to represent you in

such a way as to manage these issues firmly, fairly and for the greater good of the community.

We do have a serious problem facing our community, which is rapid growth. As the town begins to grow, it will result in limited water resources, more 40-B developments, building a number of apartments, heavy traffic and eventually increasing the size of the police and fire department. Furthermore, the rising population in Wilmington will cause a need for additional schools and renovations. Our neighborhoods will be greatly affected by this growth.

These are some concerns for the years ahead and in my opinion it is going to take an effort of a unified board of selectmen and community to work these issues out successfully.

Selectman Raymond Lepore
Wilmington

On the plaza, the library and the selectmen...

Dear Editor:

I would like to address three issues.

First, the Wilmington Plaza's entrances and exits.

Now that the new entrances and exits are in place and I have seen them in operation, I have come to the conclusion the person that designed them obviously had their head stuck in the sand (or that other dark place) when it comes to safety. From the north there is only an exit, but people still try to enter. Why not? It's only been an entrance and exit for over 40 years. This creates a problem when they try to get back in line for the next entrance or if they go in anyway. It's an accident waiting to happen! Next we have the middle entrance. They have really outdone themselves here. Taking the curb all the way to the stores means that every car that wants to get to Market Basket has to go by the end of the middle driveway. Now we can have the traffic jam up at the stores where the people are walking, instead of at the street where it is safer. When it's busy you can't get in or out of the plaza. And how is emergency equipment going to get to the stores if the cars can't get out of the way? Put the entrances and exits back the way they were for the safety of all who go there. The entrances and exits at the north end and the south end have worked for over 40 years, so why change them now? This should be looked at again by town safety officials.

Second, the library.

I have read about this in the Town Crier: Some want it here, some want it there, and some don't

want it all. Here is a possible solution in the best interest of the town: Update the present town hall to make it a "library annex." That way, the library will have bigger rooms for their guests or training rooms or workshops or whatever. It will also help protect the recreation fields from vandalism when the new town hall is built and that building could be vacant. Under this possible plan, the library gets bigger, the town gets a jump on getting a new town hall, and they don't have two vacant buildings after all is done.

Third, the Board of Selectmen. Selectmen are persons elected by the residents to handle the town business in the best interest of the people and the town. They are there to create boards, committees and groups to help with this process.

When did these members lose track of the best interest of the people and the town?

Many years ago, for sure, personal interests became more important than the people or the town. I suggest that, if the members of the various boards and committees and groups can't decide what is in the best interest of the people and the town, then the residents of the town of Wilmington should clean house and find members who can!

One last note.

Mr. Cairra, the facts and figures will show the residents of Wilmington the good job you have done as town manager, despite what others may say.

Name Withheld Upon Request

Lots of heart shown on Valentine's Day

Dear Editor:

Valentine's Day was once again a very special day for many families in Wilmington, thanks to some terrific volunteers. Students and residents came together to show their heartfelt concern for needy families in our community in a special way by donating food for the Wilmington Food Pantry through WCTV's Donations from the Heart program. Again this year, residents in the community showed their kindness and generosity in a big way. Volunteers collected food for needy families at the Wilmington Market Basket in exchange for Valentine messages that WCTV displayed on the community bulletin board on Valentine's Day.

Wilmington Food Pantry Director Bob DiPalma said that he was very pleased with the amount

of food donated this year. Market Basket in Wilmington generously permitted us to set up a table at their store and volunteer Jim Durkee, and student volunteers Erica Barrett, Robert Hayes, Kristen Kanter, Athena Karalekas, Jennifer Lee, and Jaclyn Nikodemus, collected food donations and Valentine messages. Volunteers Doug and Mike Stewart helped out at the pantry stocking shelves and students at the North Intermediate School, under the direction of Patricia Lyon, also collected food and gave us Valentine messages. We thank all of you for your generosity in helping us run another successful food drive!

Sincerely,
Donna L. Gacek
WCTV



Standing Eight Count

by Stephen Bjork

John "The Quiet Man" Ruiz, of Chelsea, Massachusetts, faces Roy Jones Jr. for the WBA Heavyweight Championship of the World on March 1st.

In early 2001 I went to see Ruiz work out just prior to his second fight with Evander Holyfield. His workouts were in a secret location to avoid a circus-like atmosphere, but through a friend of a friend of a friend I found out where he was training and decided to pay a visit. I had never met anyone involved with Team Ruiz, and I wasn't sure what sort of a reaction I would evoke by showing up there all by myself and without knowing a soul.

The spot was deep in Chelsea, in a building that housed a Kindergarten (or it may have been a daycare).

Chelsea is a pretty tight community and they love John Ruiz. I was curious to find out just how secret John's work-out location was for the locals. I stopped by a convenience store to pick up a coffee, and I asked the clerk if John was working out anywhere in town for the upcoming fight.

Behind the counter of this nondescript corner store stood a thin man, fortyish, with very blue jeans, a white T-shirt with a breast pocket, and slicked back dark hair. The clerk looked me up and down for a full second and a half until his focus shifted back to the cash drawer. He counted out my change without saying a word and while his rough hand dropped a few coins into my hand he gave me his answer.

"Naahh. John's out in Vegas already."

The locals were not buying into me. John is a hero to this city, and the natives intended on protecting their treasure.

I continued on my way and was told by my source to park in the back parking lot of the kinder-

garten/daycare. It was a dark parking lot with a small side street right behind it. There was only one door in the back and it had a plain white piece of paper taped to it with the handwritten words, "Team Ruiz."

I pushed the door open with false confidence and walked into a small room with approximately 10 to 12 people. The first person that caught my eye was Norm Stone. I suspect he would generally be the first person that you notice when walking into a crowded room with him in it. He is the type of guy who commands attention and is one of the most entertaining personalities to enter boxing in a number of years. Norm is known to those within the circle as "Stoney," and he is John's manager.

He was talking to someone who appeared to be a close friend, but my opening of the door stole his attention momentarily. He spent some time trying to place my face with one of the thousands of faces that he had undoubtedly met in the months leading up to that fight. I expected to have to explain myself to him, but he apparently decided to assume that he must have known me from somewhere. With a nod of his head I was acknowledged and had permission to enter the workout area.

In the front of the main room was a boxing ring, and in that ring stood John and his trainer, Gabe LaMarca. They were just getting John's headgear on so he could spar a few rounds.

The workout area was large and sparse, in comparison with what the outside of the building seemed to allow. No frills. Twenty to thirty people were scattered around. A few people were seated in folding chairs, but most stood on the hard concrete floor talking, laughing, and smiling. This

was the in-crowd. This was the place to be if you were from Chelsea and you had the key to the secret location. Everyone knew everyone, but no one bothered me and no one was offended by my presence. Everyone was smiling.

John wasn't smiling.

John was working hard, grunting with every punch he threw. After a few rounds Gabe called in a fresh sparring partner and they continued to work on their punch and clinch strategy. John moved from the ring to the speed bag and then to sit-ups with the medicine ball, etc.

John didn't acknowledge the audience, and he didn't smile, not even once.

He won that second fight with Holyfield and in so doing took the WBA Heavyweight Championship belt.

Holyfield comes in with his head when entering into exchanges. That is a statement of fact, not an accusation. He may not intentionally "head butt," but he does butt heads. There is no refuting that. That is how Evander gets inside and he makes no apologies for it. Tyson was so frustrated by Evander's head that he made a meal of Holyfield's ear. Hasim Rahman had no plan for eluding the mighty skull in their fight last year and suffered a butt that made Rahman's forehead swell up in such a disturbing fashion that it appeared as if he had a conjoined twin attached at the temple.

Unlike Rahman, Tyson, and a host of others, Ruiz was able to practically eliminate Evander's head from the equation. He did it with a double jab followed by a right hand and then a tight clinch, over and over again, Ruiz avoided the deadly exchanges and ensuing head butts that Holyfield has become famous for.

The strategy worked, but mostly the fight was won on heart. John has a lot of heart and that, as much as anything else, makes him dangerous.

Roy Jones comes in with a completely different style. The Undisputed Light-Heavyweight Champion of the World is considered by many experts as the best pound-for-pound boxer in the world today. He is not a brawler by any definition of the word. He sticks and moves and rarely gets hit with a clean shot. He has one loss on his professional record and that came from a disqualification which he avenged five months later.

Although Ruiz has one of the quickest jabs in the heavyweight division he is not going to be headhunting. Instead he will be better off roughing up the smaller Jones. Expect to see shots to the body, arms, shoulders, and chest in order to slow down Jones' head movement and foot work.

According to Stoney, Ruiz has been waking up to a run every morning, afternoons spent with weights, and evenings of gym work. He has been sparring with a number of Light-Heavyweights every other night and has endured unending wind-sprints in preparation for the elusive Jones. I am betting that Ruiz isn't smiling this time around either.

"When the smoke clears, Johnny Ruiz will still be standing," Stoney told me emphatically. I tend to agree. Good luck, John.

Stephen Bjork spent six years as a full time professional stand up comedian traveling all over the country and performing in major venues including Las Vegas, New York, and Los Angeles. He currently resides in Wilmington with his wife and son. His email address is stephenbjork@attbi.com

Letters to the Editor

Rethinking how we help people in need

Dear Editor:

Chances are that you or someone close to you is involved with our Massachusetts human services system. Maybe you have a loved one in a nursing home or with a disability. Maybe it's the family next door with a child in the special education program. Maybe you or a spouse work in one of the hundreds of agencies that deliver human services across the state.

As Senate Chair of the Human Service and Elderly Affairs Committee, I have yet to meet a client, human service worker or taxpayer who believes the current system represents either the best use of the human service dollar or the most effective approach to helping families.

That's because our state does not have a customer-based human service delivery system. Families are often sent from office to office, from town to town, from caseworker to caseworker, in an effort to receive the help they need.

It's a system rife with duplication, lack of coordination and bureaucracy, spread across 201 state human service offices. Most human service agencies have their own area offices, regional offices and state offices replete with their own directors, intake and assessment personnel, budget analysts, job developers, investigators and housing placement personnel, to name just a few.

Aside from the 201 state agency offices, there are hundreds of fa-

cilities that actually deliver services like the courts, health clinics, homeless shelters, childcare centers, training centers, and non-profit agencies. And remarkably, none of the computers within these agencies talk to one another, even if both are dealing with the same client.

For children and their families in need of state help, our schools are the pivotal public entities that drown in the middle of this alphabet soup of agencies. Ask any Special Education Director how much time and money are expended to find state help for a single troubled child... then multiply by thousands! That's why the Massachusetts Association of School Committees listed "coordination and collaboration of children's services" as one of six steps public policy makers must take to achieve significant improvement in urban schools.

The lack of coordination and bureaucracy results in an inefficient system that underserves our state's most vulnerable - a situation that should offend all citizens, liberal and conservative alike. Many providers estimate that a single eight-bed residential facility spends forty hours per week in staff time just to keep records and fill out duplicative reports for multiple state and federal agencies. In this age of technology, it's inexcusable and outrageous, especially when the people who work directly with troubled families and the dis-

abled are grossly underpaid due to lack of funding, many earning scarcely more than minimum wage.

Above all, we must resist blaming these problems on those dedicated souls who toil in our state and non-profit human service agencies, whether their job title is Commissioner or

Personal Care Attendant. The state and federal government helped to create this monster by insisting on separate funding streams and line items for specific problems that guarantee a silo mentality instead of a holistic approach to human services.

If we want real change and reform, I suggest a few guiding principles:

- Emphasize the creation of a "No Wrong Door", customer-focused, integrated service system, and not simply cutting the human service budget. Efficiencies and less bureaucracy will inevitably follow any authentic client-centered reform. Use the savings to offer better wages and training which, in turn, will result in less

need for non-value added regulation.

- Benchmark and build on what we already know, from models both inside and outside Massachusetts. For example, we know that when the state, community, and schools work together to provide wrap-around services for a troubled child we get better results for less money.

- Harness the expertise and energy of any client or provider who is genuinely interested in improving the system instead of protecting turf. They are the best sources of information on where the gaps exist and what really works for people.

- Understand that change will require an incremental approach and a long-term commitment on behalf of the Administration, Legislature and community leaders.

The politics of change always involve winners and losers and in this battle, the only losers will be the turf-huggers. The winners will be the clients, the caregivers and the taxpayers.

Senator Susan Tucker

Thanks, DPW

Dear Editor:

I just want to give the men of the Wilmington Department of Public Works a pat on the back for the job that they have done this winter.

They've been through a lot, keeping the streets and sidewalks

clear. As tired as they must be, they have always been courteous and polite. Way to go guys! Thank you!!

Sincerely,
Marge MacDonald
Wilmington

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Located on Middlesex Avenue, the distinctively colored colonial style building offers five commercial rental units on the first floor. These range in size from 624 square feet to 863 square feet. The second and third floors offer 2 bedroom residential units from 900 to 1,040 square feet in size. Several of the commercial and residential properties are already occupied.

Joe Langone, President of Northeastern Development Corporation, dedicated the building in honor of his longtime friend and business partner Richard W. (Dick) Stuart.

Dick was a colorful Wilmington

character; a successful builder, developer and Treasurer of Northeastern Development Corporation for many years before his death in 1996. An involved member of the Wilmington community for over 35 years, Dick contributed handicapped access ramps to the town's churches and also participated in the Wilmington youth center renovations. His many residential subdivisions helped define the changing character of the town during the period of rapid real estate growth in the 1980's, bringing a more elegant style of residential construction to Wilmington.

"Dick contributed so much to the Town," said Langone, "I thought it was important to remember him with a permanent structure. He was always interested in how the town center was going to evolve, and he was in favor of mixed-use

development in the central business district. He would have liked this building."

Craig Newhouse, President of C.S. Newhouse Builders and another long time friend remembers Dick's enthusiasm and energy. "He was a great mentor. He placed a huge value on his friendships and always took time to help me back when I was starting out. What stays with me even now was his ability to live in the moment all the time. It's good to see a building in his name."

In addition to the R.W. Stuart Building, Dick's memory lives on in other ways. His sons continue to live and work in Wilmington. Richard, Jr. is following in his father's footsteps as a real estate developer and builder, and his son Michael operates an appraisal business in town as well.

For rental information call Northeastern Rental Management Inc. at 978-658-7188

Tewksbury Police Log

Monday, February 10

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Andover Street.

Police responded to a report of a disturbance on Mill Street.

A case of shoplifting was reported at the Home Depot on Main Street.

Police responded to a report of a disturbance at Motel 6 on Main Street.

Police responded to a report of a disturbance on Pleasant Street.

Steven Santurri, 42, of Cranston, Rhode Island, was arrested and charged with the larceny of more than \$250.

Tuesday, February 11

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Maureen Drive.

Wednesday, February 12

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Clark Road, Main Street, Highwood Drive and Andover Street.

Gregory Harlett, 22, of Andover, was arrested on a warrant.

Thursday, February 13

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and East Street.

The window of a vehicle that was parked on Erlin Terrace was reportedly maliciously broken.

A fight reportedly broke out between individuals at a business on Main Street.

Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Foster Road.

Police responded to a noise complaint on Apache Way.

Two 17-year-old youths were arrested and charged with the possession of a Class D substance.

William Millett, 53, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Friday, February 14

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Shawsheen Street, Main Street, Livingston Street, and Booth Street.

Police responded to a disturbance on Pleasant Street.

Police responded to a noise complaint on Hill Street Extension.

Luis Daniel Rodriguez, 18, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant.

Saturday, February 15

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on East Street, Main Street, and Park Street.

Steven Parisi, 21, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, leaving the scene of a motor vehicle-related accident that resulted in property damage, operating a vehicle negligently as to endanger, and threatening to commit a crime.

Bryan Murphy, 24, of Andover, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay within marked lanes.

Gary Bellwood, 36, of Andover, was arrested on a warrant.

Sunday, February 16

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and Andover Street.

Michael McLaughlin, 26, of Billerica, was arrested and charged with his second offense of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, operating a vehicle after the revocation of his driver's license, and failing to stay within marked lanes.

Timothy Laufer, 37, of Tewksbury, was arrested on a warrant.

James O'Hara, 33, of Belmont, was arrested for operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license.

Monday, February 17

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Shawsheen Street and Main Street.

A snow-blower was reportedly stolen from a residence on Wolcott Street.

A snow mobile trailer was reportedly stolen from a residence on Maureen Drive.

A business on Shawsheen Street was reportedly burglarized.

Tuesday, February 18

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Foster Lane, Pinnacle Street, Decarolis Drive, and International Place.

Sarah Welch, 19, of Methuen, was arrested and charged with attempting to evade a taxi fare.

Wednesday, February 19

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street, East Street and Chandler Street.

Authorities responded to a fight that reportedly broke out at Mahoneys Too on Main Street.

Thursday, February 20

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on McKenzie Circle, Vernon Street, Hillcrest Road and East Street.

A domestic disturbance reportedly occurred at a residence on Windham Road.

A large sum of money was reportedly stolen during the burglary of a residence on Oliver Street.

Police responded to a report of a fight that occurred on Whipple Road.

Authorities reported to a residence on Chandler Street to address an individual who was not wanted there.

James Henry, 45, of Tewksbury, was arrested on a warrant.

A 17-year-old juvenile from Billerica was arrested and charged with stealing items from an individual who is over the age of 65.

Robert Baudanza, 47, of Townsend, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Carolyn Johnston, 37, of Medway, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle after the revocation of her driver's license.

Frederick Cathcart, 49, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant.

David Luce, 18, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, malicious destruction of property valued at more than \$250, and threatening to commit a crime.

Friday, February 21

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on East Street.

A five-car accident was reported on Andover Street. Minor injuries occurred.

Police responded to a report of a disturbance at Towne Place Suites on North Street.

Police responded to a report of a disturbance on Old Main Street.

Shawn Mierzykowski, 31, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with the operation of a

vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license.

A 17-year-old juvenile from Tewksbury was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property.

Sean Reid, 19, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property.

Tristan Silva, 19, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property, operating a vehicle without a driver's license and illegally possessing a Class B substance.

Saturday, February 22

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Main Street.

A vehicle was reported stolen from where it was parked on Andover Street.

Police responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence on Archstone Avenue.

In separate instances, authorities responded to disturbances on Brookfield Road, Pinewood Avenue, Shoreline Drive and the Residence Inn on Andover Street.

The front window of a residence on Maple Street was reportedly maliciously damaged.

An assault and battery reportedly occurred on Maureen Drive.

Robin McMahon, 41, of Peabody, was arrested on a warrant.

John Burke, 46, of Billerica, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, failing to stay within marked lanes and having an open container of alcohol while operating a vehicle.

Sunday, February 23

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and Marston Street.

Police responded to a disturbance at the Caswell Motel on Main Street.

A vehicle was reportedly burglarized while it was parked on Archstone Avenue.

Three tires of a vehicle that was parked on Hillside Road were reportedly maliciously slashed.

Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Nichols Street.

John Solazzi, 25, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant.

Angel Diaz, 35, of Bangor, Maine, was arrested on a warrant.

Wilmington Police Log

Monday, February 10

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Burt Road and Forest Street.

The front and rear driver's side windows of a vehicle that was parked on Ballardvale Street were reportedly broken.

Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Lawrence Street.

Tuesday, February 11

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Nichols Street, Chestnut Street, and Burlington Avenue.

Joseph Dillon, 19, of Billerica, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license and possessing a Class C substance.

A 14-year-old juvenile from Wilmington was arrested and charged with the illegal possession of a Class D substance.

Wednesday, February 12

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Lowell Street, Church Street and Main Street.

Edward Isberg, Jr., 23, of Wilmington, was arrested on a warrant.

Thursday, February 13

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Middlesex Avenue and Butters Row.

Euripedes Bonilla, 19, of Roxbury, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license.

Jonathon Puguero, 19, of Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license.

Joseph O'Connell, 19, of Wilmington, was arrested on a warrant.

Sharon Brennan, 42, of Wilmington, was arrested and charged with uttering a false prescription and shoplifting.

William Muise, 46, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with shoplifting.

Friday, February 14

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Salem Street, Fordham Road and

Woburn Street.

Lynn Flaherty, 42, of Wilmington, was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Police responded to a disturbance on Blanchard Road.

Saturday, February 15

Police responded to a report of a disturbance to the peace on Lowell Street.

The windows of two vehicles that were parked on Ballardvale Street were reportedly maliciously smashed. On one of the cars, the front headlight was maliciously broken as well.

Eric Regan, 22, of Wilmington, was arrested and charged with failing to report for jury duty.

Sunday, February 16

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Concord Street and Main Street.

Monday, February 17

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Lowell Street and Main Street.

A vehicle that was parked on Woburn Street was reportedly maliciously keyed and dented.

Tuesday, February 18

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Glen Road.

Police responded to a report of a domestic assault and battery at a residence on Lowell Street.

Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Fernbank Road.

Authorities responded to the Town Hall to address a reported public disturbance during a Planning Board meeting.

The side window of a vehicle that was parked on Thurston Avenue was reportedly maliciously broken.

Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Acorn Drive.

John Nyhan, 52, of Reading, was arrested on a warrant.

Stephen Gerard, 25, of Woburn, was arrested on a warrant.

Wednesday, February 19

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Middlesex Avenue, Lowell Street and

Fairview Avenue.

The window of a Bobcat that was parked on West Street was reportedly damaged.

Police responded to a dispute between neighbors on Manor Drive.

Kim Reynolds, 24, of Wilmington, was arrested on a warrant.

Thursday, February 20

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Lowell Street.

Tires were reportedly slashed on multiple vehicles that were parked on Marcus road, Gowing Road, Acorn Drive and Freepoint Drive.

Benjamin Goldstone, 24, of Worcester, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license.

Friday, February 21

Police responded to a report of a dispute between neighbors on Lords Court.

A residence on Main Street was reportedly burglarized.

Police responded to a disturbance on Main Street.

Saturday, February 22

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Main Street.

The mailbox at a residence on Ridge Road was reportedly maliciously damaged.

Donald Francis, 28, of Wilmington, was arrested at the American Legion Hall on Bay Street and was charged with the malicious destruction of property valued at more than \$250.

Kevin Morris, 32, of Wilmington, was arrested and charged with the illegal possession of a Class D substance.

Mathew Tomassian, 56, of Wilmington, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Sunday, February 23

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Woburn Street and Main Street.

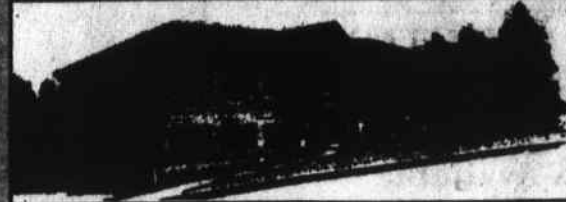
Robert McCrae, 41, of Billerica, was arrested on a warrant.



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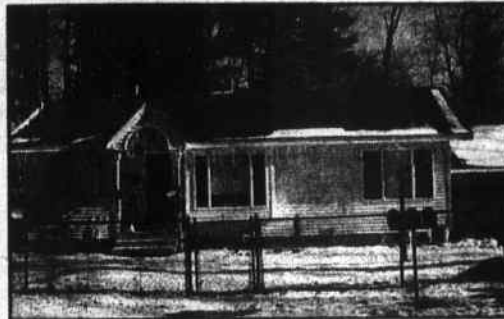
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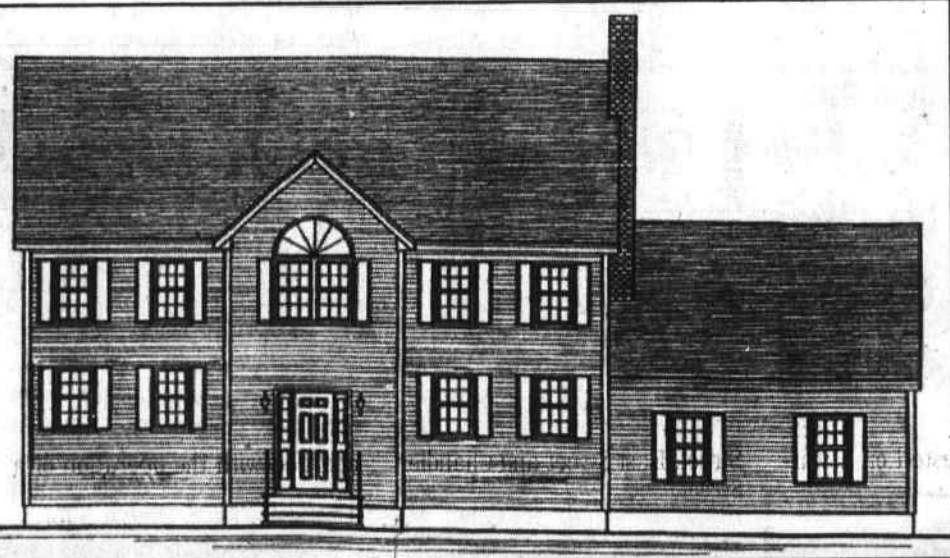
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Let me begin this month's bird column with a few observations from our three week trip to Florida.

Roger Tory Peterson once remarked that the Ding Darling Bird Sanctuary on Sanibel Island in southwest Florida was one of his top five birding "hot spots" in the world. He visited Sanibel dozens of times during his illustrious 87 years. If you should ever travel to Florida, make Sanibel Island a "must" stop. And don't forget your camera and binoculars.

The photo accompanying this column is one of many I took on this trip. This is a woodstork, photographed at a park in the Everglades. I used a 200 mm lens, and the stork was about 60 feet away. The Seminole Indians called this unusual bird "iron head" because of its steely head coloration. Where woodstorks were an endangered species a dozen years ago, it has come back strong recently, and is no longer an unusual sighting in South Florida.

Other deep south species which have shown population spurts recently are white ibis (we saw flocks numbering in the tens of thousands) roseate spoonbills - a truly gorgeous bird - tri color herons, osprey, and snowy egrets. The list goes on and on. If you have never been to south Florida, try to arrange to do so someday. You won't regret it!

And now, back to the reality of living in North Wilmington. (Thanks, brother Dave, for keeping my feeders stocked in my absence!) In spite of the severe weather this winter, "our" backyard birds appear to be surviving nicely. We have the largest flock of gold finches we've ever entertained; best guess is there are over 50 of them squabbling for places on

Backyard Birding

by Hugh Wiberg

the four feeders. The males will begin to molt to yellow in about five weeks, one of the surest signs

Audubon, never left New England last fall. (The so called "experts" are at a loss to explain this, sug-



THE WOODSTORK - once an endangered species has made a comeback in the last dozen years.

gesting that it is probably due to an unusual climate shift). On the 18th of February, a flock of robins estimated at 350 were spotted on Nantucket. Since robins are primarily worm and insect eaters, it is a wonder that they are (apparently) able to survive. I have received

several calls from area folks asking for suggestions as to how to assist these early arriving robins until the weather warms around mid March. (I've never seen a robin on a sunflower or mixed seed feeder). My response is to purchase a couple of boxes of raisins and scatter them on the hard packed snow. The robins will find them and will thank you!

Other very early arrivals which have been spotted in small numbers in this area are grackles, blue birds, palm, yellow and myrtle warblers, and an occasional flicker. Signs of an early spring? We shall see.

Recent calls to our telephone include one from Bill Hooper, Sereno Lane in Wilmington. Bill reports seeing a Canada Jay at his suet feeder off and on late in January. This bird, also called Gray Jay, is common in Canada and northern Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, but is very rarely seen in Massachusetts. And, since Bill and Barbara know their birds, I have no doubt that they made a correct I.D.

Sandra Day of Wilmington, a frequent and always welcome contributor, called in January to say she was visited by three "black birds" on consecutive days. She thought they may have been male red winged black birds, but she was unable to see their red/orange shoulder patch. I suspect they probably were early arrivals, since the bright shoulder bar does not become noticeable and prominent until mating season in April.

So - we're back, and again I welcome your calls at 658-5852. And cheer up - in another month, this winter will just seem like a bad dream!

of the inevitable change of season.

This winter is notable for the very early appearances of several migrator birds. Not yet in great numbers of course, but in the number of species. Robin sightings are common already, although some of these birds, according to Mass.

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School Lunch Menus

Week of March 3
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Monday: Macaroni and cheese, seasoned mixed vegetables, breadstick, chilled fruit, milk/juice, popcorn.

Tuesday: Hot dog on a roll, macaroni salad, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, cake with frosting, celebrate March birthdays.

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday, early dismissal, "Breakfast for Lunch," French toast sticks with syrup, sausage links or patty, applesauce, carrot and celery sticks with dip, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, potato rounds or wedges, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, cookies.

Friday: Italian style pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Elementary
 Monday: Hog dog on a roll, French fries, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, corn chips.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, whipped potato, seasoned green beans, dinner roll, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday, early dismissal, macaroni and cheese, seasoned vegetable, roll and butter, chilled fruit, milk/juice, chocolate chip cookies.

Thursday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, French fries/Potato rounds, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Italian style pizza, pepperoni optional, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Middle School

Monday: Baconburger (hamburger or cheeseburger with Canadian bacon on a roll, bacon optional, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, cheese curls.

Tuesday: Chicken patty on a roll, potato wedges or rounds, chilled fruit, milk/juice, pretzels.

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday, early dismissal, tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, mashed potato, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, cookies.

Friday: "Sal's" pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

High School
 Monday: Hot dog on a roll, French fries or potato rounds, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, whipped potato, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday early dismissal, cheese ravioli with marinara sauce, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit, French bread and butter, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Meatball sub with grated cheese, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: "Sal's" pizza, seasoned vegetable, breadstick, chilled fruit,

milk/juice, ice cream.

Tevksbury Schools
 Monday: New York strip patty on a roll with lettuce and tomato potato wedges with catsup, vegetables, sliced cinnamon apples milk.

Tuesday: Steak with cheese in French or sub with peppers and onions if desired, corn niblets chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday, baked macaroni with cheese, green beans, hot cross bun, milk.

Thursday: Chicken pasta, potato, carrot sticks, hot roll, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday: Fruit juice cup "champs" round pizza, garden green beans, fruit, milk.

Alternate: Available daily choice of assorted sandwiches carrot and celery sticks and milk

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Line III
 Monday: American chop suey, French bread, green beans, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, Rice-a-Roni, mixed vegetables, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

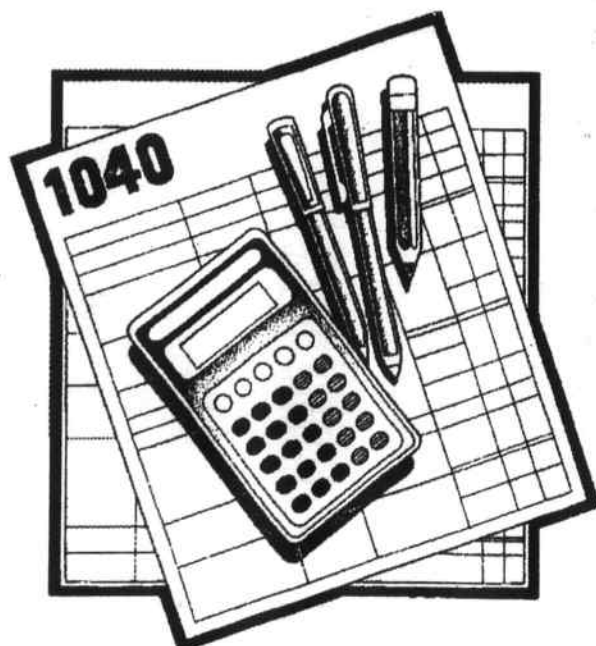
Wednesday: Baked Salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk, baked dessert.

Thursday: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, corn bread, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Friday: Italian style pizza (cheese or pepperoni), tossed salad, breadstick, fresh and canned fruit, ice cream treat, milk.

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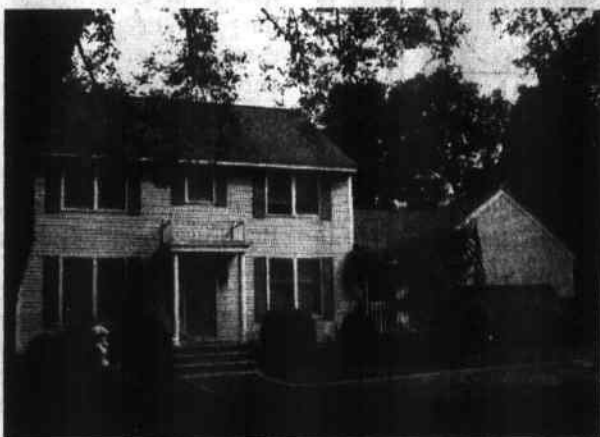
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Adoption Center: Information and support each fourth Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Billerica Boys and Girls Club, 19 Campbell Rd., Billerica. Call 978-667-3282.

First and third Tuesdays: Lowell Camera Club meets at the First Baptist Church, 99 Church St., Lowell at 7:30 p.m. Call 978-851-0883.

Mons./Thurs.: 10 a.m. to noon, Family Connection at Pawtucket Congregational Church, Mammoth Rd., Lowell. Includes information, friendship, fun and recreation to parents of young children in Greater Lowell. Call 957-5484.

Winter session of Easter Seals adapted swim program for children with disabilities opens at Burbank YMCA, Reading. Call 1-800-244-2756 x 426.

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston will offer its monthly information session at the Peabody office, 47-49 Central St., Peabody, Monday, October 7 from 6 to 7 p.m. Call 617-236-8060.

Swim Lessons: Boys and Girls Club of Greater Billerica is accepting registration for the next swim session. Call 978-667-2193.

Tops: Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7 p.m. at Old South Methodist Church, Reading. Call 978-657-8053.

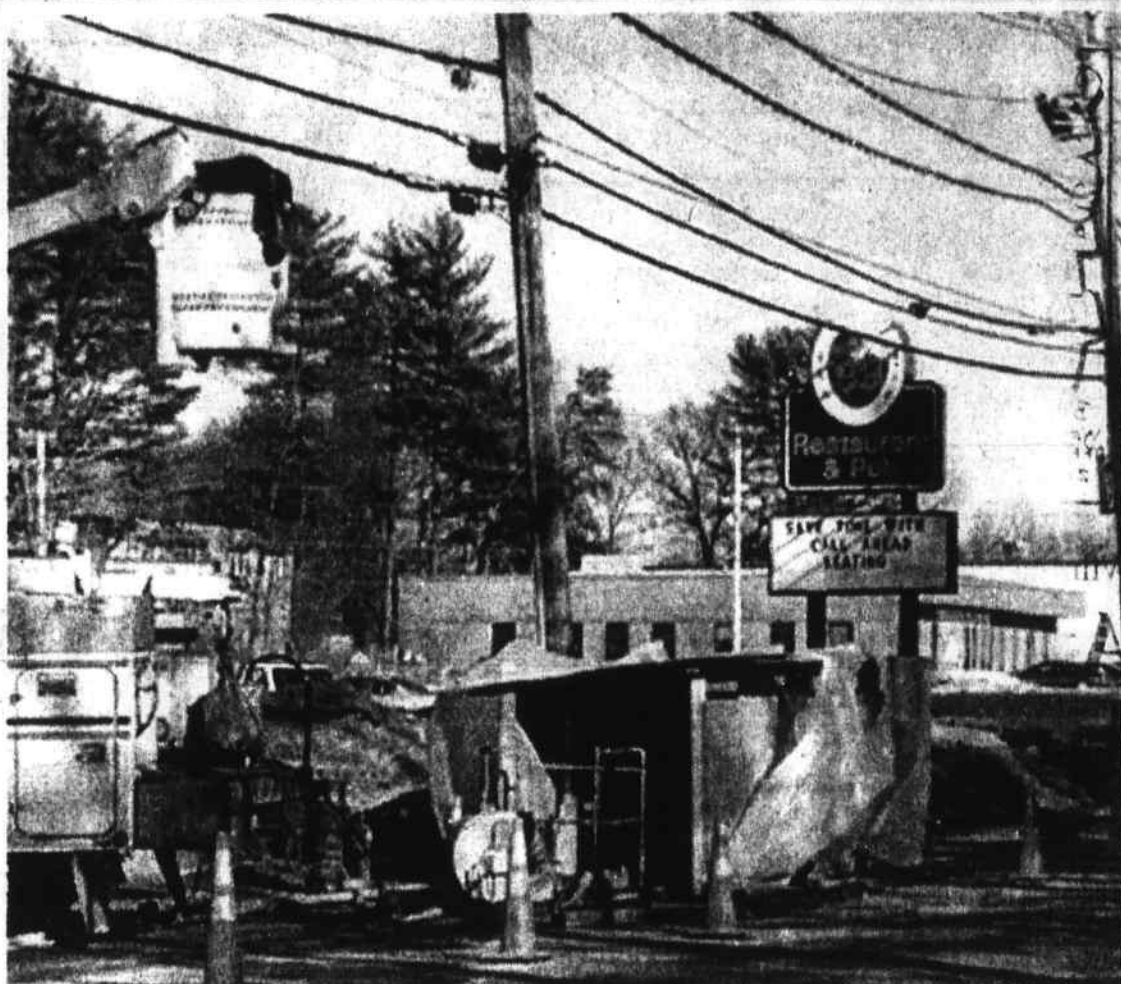
Sat., March 8: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., American Diabetes Assoc. presents the 2003 Diabetes Expo at the World Trade Center in Boston. Call 1-888-DIABETES.

Sat., March 8: 2 to 6 p.m. An afternoon with artist John Bertolini at Artistic Dimensions Gallery, Route 38, Pelham. Mr. Bertolini, at 93 has created sculptures from marble as well as "Ice cream" sculptures that were served at Princess Grace's wedding and Queen Elizabeth's coronation. Call 603-635-1173.

Sat., March 8: 6 p.m., Ham and Bean Supper at the First Congregational Church of Reading, 25 Woburn St. Reservations not necessary.

Tues., March 11: 6:30 p.m. at Shawshen Tech; American Cancer Society kickoff rally for the 2003 Relay for Life in Billerica/Greater Lowell. Call 1-800-640-7101.

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Moms & Tots: sponsored by Tewks. United Methodist Church, South and Main; drop by any and all Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 978-658-9551.

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Sat., March 1: Deadline for Dewing School Brick orders. Call 978-851-0299.

Wed., March 26: 6 to 8 p.m., Tewks. Rotary Annual Taste of the Town Gala at Elks Club, 777 South St., Tewksbury. Call 978-851-2950.

Tues., March 4: 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m., Rep. Miceli office hours in the auditorium at Tewks. Town Hall.

Mar. 6-April 10: Hunter Ed course at Tewks. Rod & Gun Club. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Contact George Rost.

Tues., March 11: Tewks. Golden Age Club annual penny sale. Donated items may be left at the Senior center after Feb. 21.

March 24-28: American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days. Volunteers needed. Call 1-800-ACS-2345.

Fri., March 28: 3 p.m., last chance to enter child's name for pre-school experience lottery. Call Spec. Ed. Office at 978-640-7818.

Sat., March 29: Tewks. seniors giant yard sale and senior version of the "Antique Road Show."

Fri., April 4: TMHS Athletic Hall of Fame 10th annual induction ceremony at Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks. Call 978-640-7834.

Sun., April 6: 7:30 to 11 a.m., Breakfast benefit at Tewks. Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street, Tewks.

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Second Thurs: of each month, 8 p.m., Wil. Minutemen Company meet at Headquarters, at the rear of Harnden Tavern, Woburn Street, near the corner of Rt. 62 in No. Wilmington. Meetings are open to any man or woman interested in local history.

All day, every day: Free blood pressure clinic at Wilmington Fire Station; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends included. No appointment necessary.

Tues., Thurs: Evenings at 7 and Friday at 10 a.m., Internet classes at Wil. Mem. Library. Call 658-2967.

Thursday evenings: Merrimack Valley Chorus open rehearsals/auditions, 7:30 p.m., Wil. Arts Council, Rte. 62. Call 978-851-7764; www.merrimackvalleychorus.com

LaLeche League of Wilmington is a non-profit organization offering breast-feeding support and information through monthly meetings open to pregnant and nursing mothers from Wilmington and surrounding towns. Meetings are held at Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem St., Wilmington, the second Friday of each month starting at 10 a.m. Call 978-694-1012.

Computer basics: One hour classes at Wil. Mem. Lib; 7 p.m. Thursdays. Call 978-694-2099.

Big Brother/Big Sister is running a car campaign to support their mentoring programs. Prospective donors need to know that only those who itemize their taxes may take the fair market value as a contribution. Determining the value of the car is completely up to the donor, therefore, Big Brother/Big Sisters will not give a value. Call 1-800-859-6526.

St. Elizabeth Chapel: At the corner of Forest Street and Aldrich Road, offers a monthly healing service. Call 978-658-2487.

Every Thursday: at Wil. Mem. Lib. volunteer Ed Jones teaches a class in computer basics. Call 694-2099 to register.

Mon., March 3: 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m., Rep. Miceli office hours in the small conference room at Wilmington Town Hall.

Tues., March 4: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., China Wok Restaurant 329 Main St., Wilmington will donate 50 percent of day's profits to Wil. Middle School PAC. Proceeds will be used to stock the school's library shelves.

Tues., March 4: 7 p.m. Meet the Author with Gary Braver at Wil. Mem. Lib. Call 978-658-2967. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Wed., March 5: 4:30 p.m., last day and hour to submit nomination papers for political office. Call 978-694-2022.

Wed., March 5: 3 to 8 p.m., Wilmington Rotary sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive. Call 800-448-3543.

Mon., March 17: 7 p.m., Wilmington Police Chief Bernard Nally will speak on Identity theft at Kiwanis Club meeting. Call 978-658-5568.

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Wilmington Senior Topics

Answers about the new \$2.00 MassHealth co-payment

WILMINGTON - The following information was shared by the Health Care For All and Health Law Advocates - for MassHealth recipients. You may find this very helpful and may want to cut it out for future use.

MassHealth recently increased the "co-payment" that MassHealth recipients have to pay for each prescription they fill at a pharmacy. You now have to pay \$2 for each prescription you fill that MassHealth covers. However, some pharmacies are giving people incorrect information about this and it is important to know your rights as a MassHealth recipient.

What if I can't afford to pay the \$2.00 co-payment for each of my prescriptions?

If you cannot afford to pay \$2, the pharmacy must still give you your medication. The pharmacy may not refuse to fill any of your prescriptions because you cannot pay the \$2 co-payment. You should never go without medicine that you need because you cannot afford the co-payment.

Can the pharmacy refuse to fill my prescription the next time I come to get them filled, because I didn't pay the \$2 co-payment last time?

No. The pharmacy must still give you your medication.

Can the pharmacy bill me for the co-payment I didn't pay, or try to collect them?

Yes, the pharmacy may bill you for unpaid co-payment(s) and may

try to collect them, such as a collection agency. What they may not do is refuse to give you your prescription medications.

I've heard about a new \$1.30 charge for prescriptions. Does this apply to me?

No. If you are a MassHealth recipient, the new \$1.30 charge does not apply to you. This new charge does not apply to prescriptions covered under MassHealth. The pharmacy may not charge this \$1.30 fee to MassHealth recipients.

What do I do if the pharmacy refuses to give me my medications because I can't pay the \$2 co-payment, or tries to charge me the \$1.30 fee?

1. Call MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900 and give

the rep your name and address of the pharmacy where it happened.

2. Report the problem to the Health Care For All's Helpline at 1-800-272-4232, which is tracking problems with the co-payments and will refer you for legal help if necessary.

This is just a summary of the rules on the new co-payments. Some MassHealth members and some services are exempt from the new co-payment. For more details call MassHealth customer services or visit MassHealth's website at <http://www.state.ma.us/dma/questions/faq-pharmacy.html>. Also feel free to contact Terri Marciello - Director of Elderly Services of Wilmington at 978-657-7595.

Catch "Life" on the Web

Last week, in a feature story that appeared in the Tewksbury edition of the Town Crier, local author Dave Breslin discussed his first book, "This Sober Life." The book offers essays and poems that detail Breslin's journey from wild, drunken parties to a life of sobriety. Town Crier readers can learn more about the book and purchase a copy of it by surfing over to www.thissoberlife.com on the Internet.

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Dances of Universal Peace

BURLINGTON - Friday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m., the Presbyterian Church in Burlington will host an evening of Dances of Universal Peace. These are participatory circle dances using extremely simple folk movements (three left feet are warmly welcomed and accommodated). All dances are taught and live music is provided. The dances are done while singing chants and mantras from many of the world's religions and spiritual traditions - Christian, Islamic, Judaic, Buddhist, Hindu, Native American - and others. They are moving meditations, body prayers, done in vibrant community with others. As such they can be both transforming and celebratory.

The dances are a joyous, multicultural way to touch the spiritual essence within ourselves and others. They are sacred phrases, chants, music and movements from the many traditions of the earth to promote peace and integration within individuals and groups.

All are invited to chase away those winter blues and warm up with an evening of song and dance. From the beginning of time sacred movement and music have brought people together.

A \$5 donation is asked to cover expenses. The church is located at 335 Cambridge St., Burlington.

Zuo named to Dean's List

WILMINGTON - Xiao Zuo of Wilmington, son of Mr. Fangming Zuo and Ms. Xin Tan has been named to the Fall 2002 Dean's List at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn.

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Tewksbury Senior Topics

In celebration of Golden Anniversaries

TEWKSBURY - This past Friday evening the Tewksbury Council on Aging and the Friends of the Elderly honored 14 Tewksbury couples who had reached 50 years of marriage within this past year. These special couples were:

Fran and Gerry Fidler
Joseph and Pamela DeLucia
George and Joan Hansford
Don and Marion Driscoll
Pat and Frances Palma
Don and Catherine Purtell
Claud and Ruth Gibbs
Joe and Rosemarie Krugh
Bruce and Dorothy Dias.

We also honored those couples who had never been our guests but had gone beyond 50 years of marriage. Fred and Esther Montague had celebrated their 53 years together while the following four couple had reached their 57 wedding anniversary:

Louis and Liliane Duquette
Robert and Andree Joy
Maurice and Doris Olson
Ted and June Sutton.

Also acknowledge this year but unable to attend Friday's dance were:

Albert and Pauline Chandonnet
Raymond and Doris LaFortune.

Again, our congratulations are extended to all these couples and to the 10 other couples in attendance at the dance who have been guests in previous years.

Tara Coakley, Representative Miceli's Chief of Staff, presented citations to each couple from the House of Representatives from Governor Romney.

The following meetings are being held next week: an activities

meeting on Monday, March 3 at 10 a.m. and, a crafts class meeting on Wednesday, March 5 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Those people traveling with Sandy Dukeshire to tour the stained glass art in the Boston churches next Thursday, March 6, should take note that plans are to meet at the Senior Center between 8 and 8:30 a.m. The group will depart for Boston at 8:45 a.m. sharp. This project is supported in part, by a grant from the Tewksbury Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Cootie players are reminded that a "Cootie Party" will be held next Friday, March 7 beginning at 12:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Eileen Griffin will begin oil painting classes on March 10. There will be two classes this semester, one on Monday afternoon and one on Tuesday afternoon. The fee for the semester will be \$70. If participants miss a class or two they may make up that class/es at any of Eileen's classes. If interested, please contact the staff as soon as possible.

We still have room on the "All Irish Revue" day trip of March 14. At this time there is also room on the Foxwood day trip of March 31. Names are also being taken for the "Parker's Barn Day trip of March 24. Seniors should note that the "Parker's Barn" is contingent on enough signups. The Silver Sizzlers and Mamma Mia day trips are full.

In fact, balances are now due

for Mamma Mia. We are taking names for the waiting list.

Tickets are now available for the St. Patrick's corned beef dinner dance that will take place Friday, March 21. Ticket cost is \$10 per Tewksbury Senior and \$12 per guest. Ticket sales will end on the Friday before the dance, March 14, and dance.

We remind residents that the seniors will be holding a giant yard sale and Senior Version of the Antique Roadshow on Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Table space is still available. A table space may be reserved at \$10 per space. Those interested may contact Carol Hazel at 968-640-4480.

Also coming up soon, is the Senior Citizens' "Breakfast Benefit" which will be held on Sunday, April 6. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Tewksbury Food Pantry. Tickets may be purchased from Food Pantry staffs or at the Senior Center. All the public is welcome to attend.

Free tax assistance is available

to senior citizens here at the Senior Center. One may call 978-640-4480 and leave their name and telephone number at the front desk. Carol Hazel will then call those on the list to arrange appointments. Our AARP tax assistants are here Tuesday morning and Friday. Tax assistance by AARP for senior citizens is also available at the Tewksbury Library. Assistants are at the library on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. One may call the Library at 978-640-4490.

We remind seniors that there are two surveys located at the front desk. One is an activities survey and the other is a survey on computer lessons. Both ask for your input and suggestions.

Lastly but far from least, an extra special thank you is extended to all those people who helped with last week's Valentine Dance. Your help was very much appreciated.

Have a nice week. God Bless America.



50 YEARS? NO SWEAT. Lillian and Louis Duquette have been married even longer than that. They celebrated their successful union during a Valentine's Day Dance that was held last Friday night at the Tewksbury Senior Center. (Denise Blair photo)

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Nom papers due by Monday

WILMINGTON - Candidates for public office are notified that nomination papers for Town Election to be held April 19, are due in the town clerk's office by 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 3. Papers must contain 50 signatures of registered

voters to be valid. Town census for 2003 has been mailed. If you did not receive a census, please call our office for more information; 978-658-2030 or 978-694-2022.

Obituaries

Beatrice L. Von Kahle

Lowell homemaker; 86

LOWELL - Beatrice L. (Harney) Von Kahle, 86, died Tuesday night, Feb. 25, 2003, at the Willow Manor Nursing Care Center in Lowell after a lengthy illness. She was the wife of Kermit L. Von Kahle, who died in 1986.

She was born in Lewiston, Maine, June 4, 1916, a daughter of the late Edward and Annie (Fogg) Harney. She was raised along the seaboard in the Northeast, as her father worked as a Longshoreman. She settled in Tewksbury, where she lived for 20 years, and then moved to Lowell, where she lived for the past 22 years.

In her earlier years, she was a member of the Women's Auxiliary D.A.V. Post 113 in Burlington, Mass.

As a resident of Tewksbury, she attended St. William's and as a member of Lowell's Belvedere, she was a communicant of the Im-

maculate Conception Church.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Beatrice and her husband James Blute of Auburn, NH, and Annie O. Pratt of Lowell, two sons and daughters-in-law, Kermit L. "Junior" and his wife Isadore Von Kahle of Portland, ME, and A. "Al" and his wife Beatrice Von Kahle of Manchester, NH, several grand, great grand, and great great grandchildren.

She was the last surviving daughter of six children.

Her funeral will be held Saturday, Mar. 1, at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851 2950. Funeral Mass Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Visiting hours Friday evening 6 to 8 p.m. Following cremation, interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the charity of donor's choice will be appreciated.

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Obituaries

Janice "Jane" Carbone

Many years a nurse for Dr. McCartin in Tewksbury; active member of Wilmington United Methodist Church; at 71

TEWKSBURY - Mrs. Janice "Jane" (Lumb) Carbone, 71, of Tewksbury, formerly of Wilmington, died Friday, February 21, 2003 after losing her long battle with cancer.

Born in North Reading, she was the daughter of the late Thomas S. and Edna M. (Smith) Lumb and prior to retirement, was a nurse for Dr. Larry McCartin in Tewksbury for many years.

Jane is survived by her husband Pasquale J. "Pat." She was the mother of Thomas E. Carbone and his wife Kathryn of Wilmington; Patrick J. Carbone and his wife Donna of Lowell; grandmother of Dominic, Julieann, Jacqueline, and Elena; sister-in-law and best friend of Elizabeth

(Liz) Lumb of Key West, FL. Many nephews, nieces and their children also survive.

Jane was also the sister of the late David S. Lumb of North Reading and Richard A. Lumb of Key West, FL.

Her funeral will be held at the United Methodist Church in Wilmington Thursday morning at 10. Visiting hours were scheduled to be held at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rte. 62) Wilmington Wednesday from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9 p.m.

Jane was an active member of the Wilmington United Methodist Church, and memorial donations in her name, made to the church at 87 Church St., Wilmington, MA, 01887 will be appreciated.



DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY. Skyla Mulvey and her father, Bob, of Tewksbury, promenaded at the Knights of Columbus in Lawrence last Thursday night when the local Daisy Scout Troop met there for some square dancing. (Denise Blair photo)

Helga I. Lynn

Of Tewksbury; Liberty Mutual underwriter; 68

TEWKSBURY - Helga I. (Fischer) Lynn, age 68, a retired underwriter for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, died unexpectedly Friday evening, Feb. 21, 2003 at Saint's Memorial Medical Center in Lowell. She was the longtime constant companion of Elbridge Davis.

She was born in Saarbruechen, Germany, a daughter of the late Hugo and Hilda (Brink) Fischer, and emigrated to the U.S. in 1954. She lived in Chicago for a year before moving to the Boston area in 1964. She was employed the greater part of her life in the insurance business, and was C.P.C.U. certified. She worked in the property and casualty underwriting and the re-insurance divisions for the Liberty Mutual company in Boston.

She loved golf and held membership in the Bellevue Golf Club in Melrose.

Beside her longtime companion, she is survived by one sister; Vera-Christiane Willig, and one nephew; Heinz-Guenter Fischer both of Germany, and many dear friends in the greater Boston area.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 1:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. At her request visiting hours are omitted and interment is private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Lung Assn. P.O. Box 265, Burlington, MA 01803, will be appreciated.

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Jean Uebel

Formerly of Tewksbury; family in Pelham; 56

GRAY COURT, S.C. - Jean (Bartlett) Uebel, age 56, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2003, at her home, after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was the wife of Ernst L. Uebel, with whom she had celebrated a 19th wedding anniversary this past Oct. 22.

She was born in Springfield, Vermont, Dec. 5, 1946, a daughter of Eleanor "Lee" (Cocco) Bartlett of Pelham, NH, and the late George Bartlett. She was raised in Tewksbury and graduated from Tewksbury Memorial High School with the class of 1964. She moved to NH, in 1985, and then to South Carolina in 1994.

Before moving to S.C., she was the owner of FaFa's Café in Hillsboro, NH.

She employed as a real estate agent by A.B.R. Properties Unlimited in Simonsville, S.C. at the time of her death, and was a member of the Laurence County Board of Realtors.

She was a member of the Laurence County Chapter of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

Mrs. Uebel enjoyed gardening, cooking, and spending time with her friends and family "hanging out." She will be fondly remembered for her passion for life.

Besides her husband and mother she is survived by a daughter and

son-in-law, Jennifer Lee and her husband Matthew Boyd of Bennington, NH, a step-daughter; Martina Uebel of W. Germany,



and a step-son; Rahn Thompson of Omaha, NB, a brother and sister-in-law, Albert and his wife Barbara (Bechard) Bartlett of Pelham, NH, and two grandchildren, Helene Uebel of W. Germany and Brodi Thompson of Neb.

Her Funeral Service was held Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the Billerica Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Arrangements were through the Tewksbury Funeral Home.

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Natoli named to Dean's List

WILMINGTON - Stephen Natoli of Westdale Avenue, Wilmington has been named to the dean's list at UMass Lowell for the fall semester with a GPA of 3.46. He is a freshman, majoring in mechanical engineering.

Only 10 percent of the entire student body achieved this distinction.

Along with Stephen's academic accomplishments this past fall, he was promoted to store manager at Classic Tuxedo in Woburn.

Zuo named to Dean's List

WILMINGTON - Xiao Zuo of Wilmington, son of Mr. Fangming Zuo and Ms. Xin Tan has been named to the Fall 2002 Dean's List at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn.

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mystery of nature.

Spring is Sensational is just that. The participants will have the opportunity to learn how to grow a live plant from just a seed. The children will participate in arts and crafts, creative movement activities, songs, finger plays and stories all while having fun and learning that Spring is Sensational. This class is sure to bring Spring around sooner!

Both classes are for children age three to five. World Discovery - the Rainforest Adventure is held on Monday from 9-9:45 a.m. Spring is Sensational is held Monday from 10:15 to 11 a.m.

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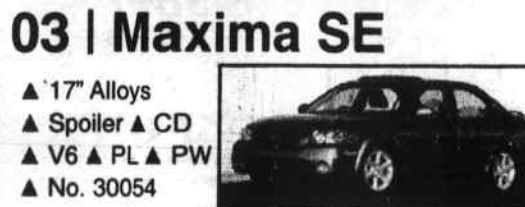
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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Internet access to the Wilmington Library

WILMINGTON - The Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVL) implemented a web based online catalog in 2001. The new online catalog that now enables patrons to place holds themselves on library materials in any of the 35 member libraries and have it delivered to Wilmington has impacted an increase in inter-library loan statistics for 2002 of approximately 300 percent! In 2002, Wilmington borrowed 11,397 items from area libraries, and loaned 12,557 items. In 2002, Wilmington borrowed 2,309 items and loaned 3,148 items.

New Look to Online Catalog
The Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVL) has made available 1Pac2, the latest version of the online library catalog. Pamphlets explaining the functions and new features of 1Pac2 are available at the library. Some enhancements that patrons will like include the ability to log into their account and stay logged in. Rather than having to input their card every time and PIN (last four digits of your telephone number) every time

they make a request, they need only do it once at the beginning of their session. Once they are logged in, they can access their account information, request and renew items. In addition, they can add items to "My List" and create an unlimited number of lists that will be stored with their account information.

Another new feature is enhance content. Most new and popular items have an image of the book cover next to the title. Also, many records include book review, sample chapters, and summaries. If you have any questions, ask the library staff and let them know how you like 1Pac2. Remember that you can access the online catalog from home by going to www.wilmlibrary.org and clicking on the "MVL 1Pac Catalog" button.

Storytime Registration
Registration for the next storytime session for three, four and five-year-olds not yet in kindergarten started February 24. Storytimes will begin the week of

March 9 and run for six consecutive weeks. Three-year-olds may register for either Wednesday or Friday classes to be held at 9:30 a.m. Four-year-olds (and five-year-olds not yet in kindergarten) may be registered for either Tuesday classes to be held at 9:30 a.m. or Friday classes to be held at 10:30 a.m. Registration may be made in person by visiting the Children's Room or by calling 978-694-2098.

Teen Book Discussion
At the Friday, February 21 meeting of the group, they chose *The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke as their next book to read and discuss. It takes place in Venice, Italy and is packed with lots of adventures. Hurry and reserve a copy of this increasingly popular book. Fans of the Harry Potter books are sure to love *The Thief Lord*.

Book of the Week
"When every Moment Counts: What you Need to Know about Bioterrorism from the Senate's Only Doctor," by Senator Bill Frist, M.D.



THE DOG DAYS OF... WINTER? That was the scene in Mrs. Mosca's Kindergarten class at the Boutwell Early Childhood Center on February 7. That was the day that the little ones there celebrated their 101st day of the school year. The kids marked the occasion by dressing as... you guessed it, the 101 Dalmations. Diving into their roles, the spotted kids had a scavenger hunt, in which they searched for doggie biscuits before enjoying dishes of cookies and ice cream. (courtesy photo)

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Get ready for Whispering Pines

FROM PAGE 1

Chapter 40B. Due to the unusually large number of bills filed, a committee has been appointed by Governor Mitt Romney to examine the law. All bills are tabled until the committee presents its findings.

"I would ask this Board to table this issue until those 70 bills are addressed," West suggested.

Cain refused to consider the idea, since no one could possibly know when those bills would be addressed by the state legislature.

"But those bills may change the scope of the law," West stressed.

The issue was dismissed.

Resident Edward Loud maintained that Costa had, in essence, threatened the board with her remarks about taking alternative steps if the selectmen were not to endorse Whispering Pines.

"I think this woman just threatened us that if we don't endorse (the project), she will 40B us," Loud asserted.

"I didn't take it that way," Cain rebutted.

Resident Mike Bodnar stated that it is not with Langone that opponents take issue, but instead with the development that he has proposed.

"I don't think any of these people are against this man," said Bodnar motioning towards Langone. "But they are against the scope of these projects. We are depending on the Board to cut these down. Wilmington cannot handle these projects. It is time for Wilmington to slow down."

Representative James Miceli, a Wilmington resident, implored the Board to take a stand against the proposal. He

described the Board as the first line of defense for the citizens of Wilmington.

Resident Suzanne Sullivan asked Langone if he would consider downsizing the scale of the project. Langone replied that he didn't see the project as very dense as it stands and dismissed the idea of reducing its proposed number of units.

Resident Richard Kieslinger wanted to know how Langone could suggest that 48 units on three acres of land was not a dense project. He asked Langone why he wanted to use the LIP for a selectmen endorsement when he would so casually dismiss the idea of reducing the number of units.

"First of all, those 48 units are on 10 acres of land," Langone stated.

"Those 2 buildings are on 3 acres," Kieslinger contested, adding that Langone's own surveyors had trouble finding nearby Lubbers Brook due to the impassable water and vegetation.

Selectman John Forrest asked Miceli how he felt that the board should vote on the matter. Forrest pointedly asked whether Miceli was willing to issue a guarantee that Whispering Pines would not be forced on the town in the future if the board voted to shoot it down.

"That is absolutely foolish," Miceli roared, sensing the challenge.

Cain requested that Lynn Duncan, the town's Planning and Conservation Director, recite the list of accommodations to which the developer has agreed. Lynn stated that a total of 70 percent of the affordable units at the development would be set aside for

Wilmington residents. She added that the developer would donate money to be used towards traffic mitigation, would make more than 25 percent of the units affordable and would design changes to add more open space, move parking away from abutting property lines and place a 99-year use restriction for affordable units.

Selectman Michael McCoy noted that things could only get worse, especially considering that residents had traffic worries and other concerns on their mind even before Avalon Oaks was built and opened.

"Here we are, years later, and no matter where you go in this town, traffic is bad," McCoy said. "Enough is enough. As a member of this Board of Selectmen, I am not afraid to vote against this proposal."

Cain recommended that the Board take advantage of its ability to negotiate and mitigate the project with the developer, as opposed to taking its chances with a denial that could be appealed by the state.

A motion was made and seconded, and the Board voted three-to-two to endorse Whispering Pines. Selectmen McCoy and Raymond Lepore voted against the project.

A majority in the audience were vocal in their disappointment about the decision. Resident Marilyn Cox, for one, admonished Forrest, whom she maintained had changed his position since Whispering Pines was last discussed at a meeting in January.

"I still believe that this is a win-win situation for the town of Wilmington, and I don't care if you or anyone else doesn't like it," Forrest shot back.



SLEDDING OR SLIDING?

Sometimes one just can't decide. Here Sara and Jillian Troy took a break from sledding by sliding on the playground equipment at the Woburn Street School. The Dad's Group from the North Intermediate School had taken their kids to sled on the hill behind the school on Wednesday last week.

(Denise Blair photo)

Town won't take action against Maple Landfill

FROM PAGE 1

Board of Selectmen does not have the authority to issue a cease-and-desist order on such a project, but it can direct the town counsel to file a suit on behalf of the town. In doing so, though, the town would have to prove that the landfill project is not in compliance with a pollution abatement order, that a law or regulation has been broken, and that a violation constitutes a danger to the public's health or damage to the environment.

In recommending against taking action against the landfill project, Newhouse stated that scientific evidence has not been offered to prove that the capping procedure stands in violation of a current pollution abatement order that was put into effect by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in 2000. If such evidence had been provided, then Newhouse would have advised the selectmen to explore the likelihood that a law or regulation had been broken, which would lay the groundwork for the town to seek a restraining order.

In prosecuting an alleged violation of a local bylaw, the town must prove that its bylaw does not frustrate the purpose of a state law that pertains to the matter at hand. Furthermore, the town would have to prove that all elements of the bylaw, and not just a fraction of them, have been violated. According to Newhouse, a cease-and-desist order against Maple Meadow would indeed frustrate a mandate from the state that all unlined landfills be closed.

In addition, Newhouse stated, the town would not be able to answer to all elements of its bylaw, namely those which speak to whether or not certain chemicals at the site rise to the level of a hazard to the community. In 1994, the DEP classified all municipal landfills throughout the state and determined that 82 of them posed either a "significant" or "potential" threat to their environments. Thirteen sites were cited as posing little or no threat.

Many of the landfills that met the criteria of a significant threat were similar to the Spinazola property in that they were located in areas, designated as Zone II, that encroached upon such protected resources as nearby wells and water supplies. At the meeting, Newhouse revealed at least 13 towns that had such landfills. All but one of those 13 has been closed since '94. Six of them used materials similar to those

which grade the Spinazola property. However, according to Newhouse, the town would not be able to prove that such materials are a threat to the community.

"A consensus among various state agencies is that the reuse of such materials does not constitute a danger," Newhouse stated.

Newhouse did provide selectmen with three caveats. For starters, state statute does not specifically define responsible parties in matters pertaining to landfills. Newhouse did say, though, that the town would likely be liable as a generator of the waste at the property since it contributed to it. Furthermore, the cost of remediating the landfill would surpass what is in the pockets of the landfill owner and would likely have to be shared by the town.

Secondly, the Maple Meadow Landfill is a site that falls under Chapter 21E of Massachusetts General Law. Currently, the landfill is being closed in compliance with the solid waste management statute.

"I have no question in my mind that if we were able, as a town, to prevent DEP from successfully closing that landfill under the solid waste regulations that DEP would proceed to close that landfill under the 21E regulations," Newhouse said.

In other words, the DEP would certainly try and prove that the town, as a generator of much of the waste at the landfill, is certainly one of the responsible parties to it.

Thirdly, Newhouse noted that any interference from the town with the capping project could spurn liability suits from third parties that have contracts with the Spinazolas that allow them to bring materials to the site. Furthermore, the town could be sued for the return of \$100,000 that was given to it by the Maple Meadow Landfill under the Supplemental Environmental Project in early 2001.

"I strongly recommend against taking any legal action, based upon the facts available," Newhouse told selectmen.

Many members of the audi-

ence did not agree with Newhouse's legal opinion. Newhouse reminded residents that, while he may share some sentiments, perhaps even personal opinions, with them, he has been charged with basing his recommendations on the letter of the law.

When residents were given the floor, such activists as Sullivan, Debbie Duggan, Martha Stevenson and Karl Sagal took to the microphone and shared their findings from the extensive research each had done in regard to the environmental makeup of the landfill and its effects on the community's water supply.

Selectman Michael McCoy wondered how the Maple Meadow Landfill could be placed on the annual Dirty Dozen list if it were not indeed a threat. The list, which is compiled by the Toxic Action Center in Boston, singles out 12 sites each year that it deems hazardous to their surroundings.

"This site was slated as one of those Dirty Dozen," McCoy stated. "There's got to be a reason for that."

Representative James Miceli suggested that the town answer the so-called lack of scientific evidence against the landfill by conducting its own investigation.

"Wouldn't it behoove us to get out there now and test that soil with an independent engineer and get some readings ourselves?" Miceli asked.

Newhouse answered that he only wished to speak to whether the town should file suit against the project. Miceli countered that more readings, opinions and conclusions are needed to contrast the official word of the DEP and determine once and for all any threats that the capping project might pose to the environment.

"I don't have ultimate faith in what the DEP does," Miceli pressed. "I would feel better if we had something to measure this against. I would be more satisfied with an engineer that we hired locally to go out and sample this material... and see, whether or not, what we've been told by the DEP is true and accurate."

Stone's fighter to defend title

FROM PAGE 1

Foodmart at the corner of Shawheen Avenue and Hopkins Street and they love to eat at Rocco's every chance they get. As a matter of fact, at least two of the owners of Rocco's plan on attending the upcoming fight, according to Stone.

Ruiz and his manager have traveled a long and winding road to get where they are today. Stoney is a veteran of the Vietnam War and did some boxing of his own while in the Army. When asked if he ever considered pursuing a career as a boxer himself, Stoney indicated that he had other interests at the time.

"When I was a kid, the legal drinking age in Somerville was four," Stoney joked. He is working on 22 years free from alcohol as of today, thanks to a 12-step program.

Stoney first met his fighter at the Somerville Boxing Club when Ruiz was only 16 years old and he, along with trainer Gabe LaMarca, began working with him shortly after witnessing his work ethic.

"Johnny always had great focus, there was no B.S.," Stoney states. "He did what he had to do at the gym and then he left."

Ruiz had a tough time coming up, according to Stoney.

"His father left when Johnny was real young and his mother raised four kids on her own. Johnny overcame a lot and we had to give this kid the opportunity that he deserved," Stoney asserts.

Stoney doesn't mind talking, and he backs up his words with action. He said he intended to give Ruiz an opportunity, and he went ahead and re-mortgaged his house three times in order to do so.

Team Ruiz doesn't feel like Johnny has gotten a fraction of the respect that he deserves, and it would be hard to argue that point, considering that John Ruiz hasn't had a bad day at the office for a long time. In fact, aside from a disputed loss to Holyfield, one needs to go all the way back to the 1996 knockout loss that he suffered at the hands of David Tua to show a loss.

The three major sanctioning bodies within the sport of boxing, the WBA, the WBO, and the IBF, each have their own version of the World Heavyweight Champion. Lennox Lewis held all three belts, but chose to vacate his WBA belt rather than fight John Ruiz, the mandatory challenger at the time.

Denied a chance to fight Lewis for the title, Ruiz stood toe to toe with boxing legend Evander Holyfield for three

fights and 36 grueling rounds, in order to earn the WBA title. The judges handed Ruiz a controversial loss in his first outing with Holyfield, but with most ringside observers and most boxing experts disagreeing with the decision, an immediate rematch was scheduled. Ruiz took the WBA belt in their second meeting by unanimous decision and scored an eleventh round knockdown of Holyfield. Former World Heavyweight Champion Riddick Bowe is the only other fighter to put Holyfield on the canvas. Their third trip to the ring ended in a draw with Ruiz holding onto the WBA belt.

Ruiz next defended his belt against mandatory challenger Kirk Johnson and took a win by disqualification against an ugly fouled-filled display as Johnson refused to keep his punches above Ruiz's belt.

"He wanted out," Stoney says of Johnson. "I told him (Johnson) before the fight that he had no heart and that Johnny was the better man."

Stoney is looking forward to the Jones fight and has complete confidence in his fighter. In fact, he is convinced that he and Ruiz have Jones' number.

"I got tapes of every one of Jones' fights, even some from the amateurs, and he hasn't changed one bit," Stoney asserts knowingly.

Team Ruiz is in Vegas right now, awaiting the fight, which will be shown as a Pay-Per-View event starting at 9:00 p.m.

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School Committee interviewing 6 finalists

FROM PAGE 1

Whitten, the Assistant Superintendent of the Lincoln Public Schools.

According to Stephen Peterson, the chairman of the School Committee and a member of the search committee, the candidates are the "six that we thought would be a good fit, six that we wanted to present to the town."

A few months ago, the search committee, which is comprised of educators, town officials and parents, worked with a Danvers-based firm called Future Management Systems, Inc. to compile a leadership file to determine what the school

system wants in a superintendent. Once the position was advertised, 39 applicants came forward. Future Management Systems performed a preliminary check of the applicants and will now conduct more in-depth research into the six who remain.

Before selecting the final six, the 14-member search committee interviewed ten semi-finalists. The six contenders who emerged from that pool will soon be interviewed by the School Committee, which will determine which candidate fits the leadership profile, can get along with principals, teachers and parents, and shows com-

mand in curriculum, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exam and special education.

During the next two weeks, each candidate will be invited to visit the schools in town and meet with faculties, students and parents. During the week of March 10, the School Committee will also visit schools in the districts in which the candidates currently work.

During this time, the School Committee will also formally interview the six candidates in forums that will be open to the public. In fact, the first candidate was interviewed on Monday, February 24. The second interview was to take place on Wednesday, February 26. The remaining four interviews, all of which will begin, like the first two, at 7 p.m. in the library of Wilmington High School, will take place on Thursday, February 27, Monday, March 3, Wednesday, March 5, and Thursday, March 6.



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Forecasting Earthquakes

FROM PAGE 1

Williams' idea immediately changed from hypothesis to reality as applied science with the issuance of a United States Scientific patent. The issuance of the patent gives Williams the validity he needs. What he now seeks is the funding necessary to build his computer system.

In the mid 1990s, Williams read a book entitled "5/5/2000 Ice: The Ultimate Disaster," by Richard Noone. The book predicted a new ice age emerging in May of 2000 as the result of the gravitational pull initiated by an alignment of the planets. Here we are in 2002 and, despite a maddeningly cold winter with far too much snow, Noone's predicted cataclysmic date has come and gone without fanfare. Back then, though, Williams was affected by the predictions and decided to do a little bit of fact checking on his own.

Luckily, after countless hours of research, including studying orbital dynamics using a computer-generated planetary orrery, Williams found that Noone was way off base. On May 5, 2000, there would be an alignment of the planets, but they would be aligned on the opposite side of the sun from where the Earth was.

Williams was more than a little relieved by his findings, but in his research a discovery was made which would change his life. Viewing the solar system through an orrery allows one to step outside the solar system and view its workings, not unlike a more sophisticated version of a child's three-dimensional model of the solar system. Most computer-generated orreries, many of which can be purchased as a packaged software, allow the user to view true planetary positions for any time the user may choose in recorded history, and by same manner, any time into the future.

The revelation upon which Williams stumbled involved a distinct planetary pattern that

became an apparent link between certain alignments of the planets and historically documented earthquakes.

Williams found that a certain position of the Earth in relation to the sun, the moon, Venus, Mars, and Jupiter correlated with earthquakes which registered at least a 5.0 on the Richter Scale. He concluded that the gravitational pull from those specific celestial bodies directly attributes to the cause of earthquakes.

According to Williams, the sun, for obvious reasons, is the largest body in the solar system. Venus and Mars figure into the equation because they are the planets closest to Earth, and Jupiter comes into play because it is 10 times bigger than our planet. It has been proven that the gravitational pull of Jupiter is so strong that it actually affects the sun, resulting in solar winds.

Williams turns to the gravitational pull of the moon and its governance of the tides of oceans to illustrate his findings. He points to the liquid magma that lies underneath the crust of the Earth, maintaining that its own ebb and flow, dictated by a gravitational pull, mirrors that of tides.

By projecting when the planets will next be in the necessary alignment, Williams can forecast an earthquake, and has in fact done so. He forecasted the Joshua Tree Earthquake several weeks prior to its occurrence several years ago.

Not that Williams likes to boast. For starters, he would not be able to pinpoint the timing of such earthquakes if it were not for his computer system.

"Gravity is not unlike sound or light, in that it takes time for gravitational pulls to reach Earth," Williams explains. "Alignments happen, and then two or three days later the event happens."

Without his proposed computer system, Williams has no way

to pinpoint the location of the forecasted quake.

Williams' computer system will take and correlate astrophysical, geophysical, meteorological, and archeological information, but in order to forecast a location the system will monitor and store information from each one of those disciplines as it occurs.

"All the data is right there," Williams says.

Now it is just a matter of taking the information from each of the aforementioned disciplines and putting it all together.

The only thing standing between Williams and the completion of his computer system now is \$1.3 billion.

One of the reasons for such a hefty price tag is the necessity of satellites to convey all of the monitoring information to the main server, which will reprocess all incoming interdisciplinary information with a time stamp and an ID tag. Satellites will also be the instrument used to monitor current electro-magnetism. It is due to these innovative uses of satellites that make Williams eligible for the David Johnson Award.

Why isn't there a host of companies looking to fund the project? Quite simply, Williams explains, it does not have a commercial application. While it has incredible potential for the human race as a whole, how would a company make money from it?

Williams and three other individuals have formed Palatian Enterprises. They expect to have a prospectus put together within the next couple of months and will begin shopping it around at that time. They expect a portion funding will most likely come from a government agency, but, with all the fiber optic cable and networking that will be needed to complete the project, they expect a great deal of funding to come from somewhere within the communications industry.



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The dances are a joyous, multicultural way to touch the spiritual essence within ourselves and others. They are sacred phrases, chants, music and movements from the many traditions of the earth to promote peace and integration within individuals and groups.

All are invited to chase away those winter blues and warm up with an evening of song and dance. From the beginning of time sacred movement and music have brought people together - at times of seasonal ceremony and celebration, as part of everyday life and life passages, in daily renewal and times of need. The Dances of Universal Peace are part of this timeless tradition.

A \$5 donation is asked to cover expenses. The church is located at 335 Cambridge St., Burlington. From Route 128 north take exit 33B and follow Cambridge Street (Route 3A) two miles north. The church is on the left at the junction of Cambridge Street and Wilmington Road (Rt. 62 East).

For more information, call 781-272-9190 or email burlpres@aol.com.

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Wilmington

SPORTS

Pair of wrestlers take home titles

Walsh's arms raised in hard earned win

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

BURLINGTON — "I want to be a state champ. Last year was rough. I did horrible [at the state meet taking seventh]. I lost to the four time champ and just lost three matches in a row. I lost to a kid I beat the day before."

Those were the words of Roman Walsh before this wrestling season started back in early December. On Saturday night, he finally found out what it was like to roll those words off his tongue.

"This means so much," said Walsh, after defeating Southwick Regional's Dan Whaley, 4-0, to capture the 135-pound weight class at the Division 3 state meet held over two days at Burlington High School. "All of the waiting, all of the hard work finally came through. It's so worth it, 100 times over worth it. I looked up when there was two seconds left and I was so happy. I couldn't believe it."

Everyone else could believe it because all along Walsh had the talent, the determination and the work ethic to get it done.

"This is a dream come true for Roman," said coach Mike Pimental. "He's been waiting for this for years. I'm glad he finally

got it because I think it started to consume his thoughts. He lost twice in the sectional finals as a sophomore and a junior and he just needed to get over that hump. And he did it."

Walsh is known for many things when he steps on the mat. First is his toughness. There's not too many kids his size who have his build and physique. Second is his determination and intensity. Off the mat he's very relaxed and quit, but on the mat he's all business. And lastly, is his strategy, mainly his defense. Very seldom can wrestlers score points on him, because he is so quick, agile and always is a step ahead of their moves.

"I just try not to let them get points on me," he said. "The best offense is the best defense, well that's what I believe in. [Whaley] was pretty strong and I couldn't turn on him. I wanted to get more takedowns but he was very strong."

The two wrestlers ended the first period scoreless. Some could say it was the feeling out stage, but Walsh said it was because Whaley has a "very awkward style."

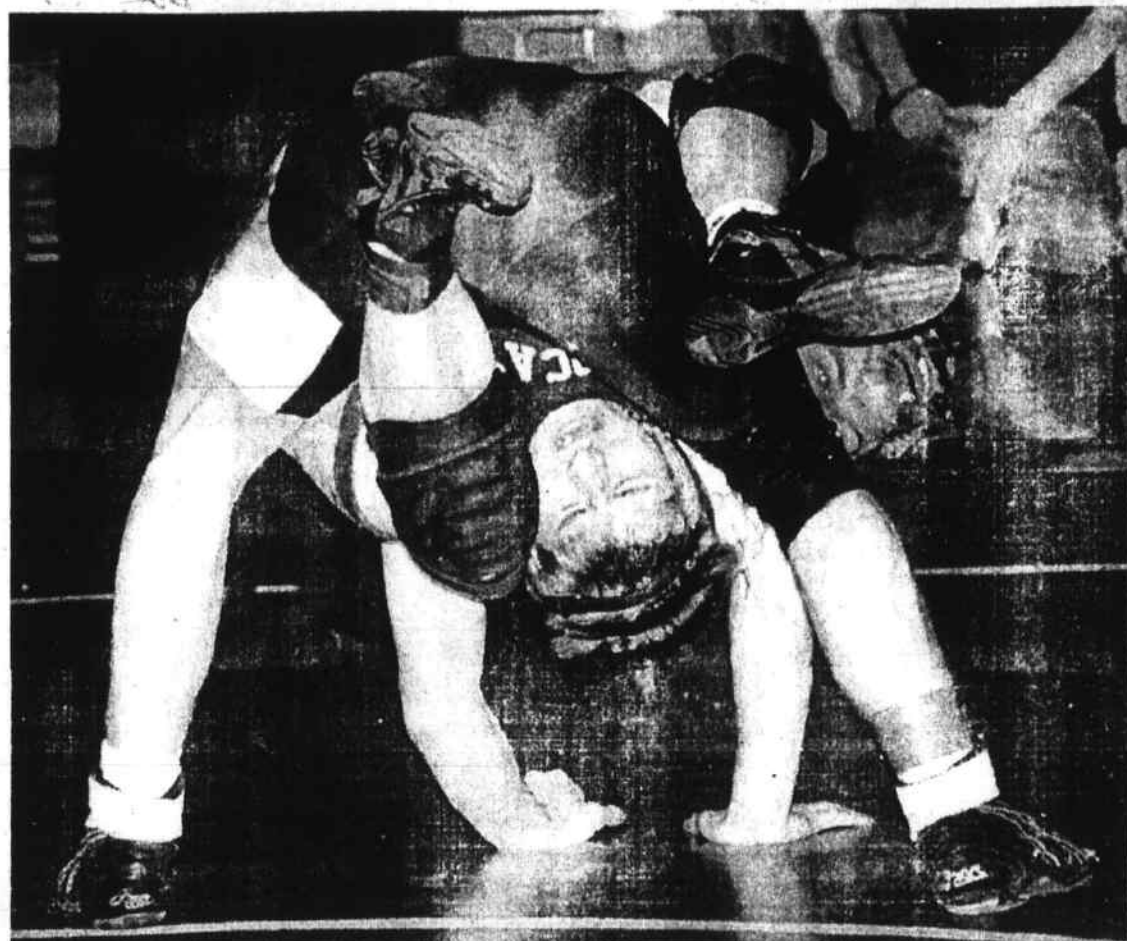
"I wish I got him on my first takedown but he got away," said Walsh. "But it was hard. He leads in with his left leg when most people

lean in with their right one. So then it was easier to shoot singles on his right side. He tries to pick up your leg and catch you, so that's why I faked going in, and then staggered differently."

Walsh had Whaley with his back turned early in the second period and was able to force him down hard on the mat to score his first two points. That ended up to be enough for the match, but the rest of the second, and the entire third period were extremely tough and grinding. Walsh added another two points on a third period take down, which sealed the deal for him.

"I thought Roman was very offensive," said Pimental. "He went right after him, and eventually got some takedowns to score his points. Everytime [Whaley] went after him, Roman countered it better. The kid kept trying to escape, but Roman shot probably 4 or 5 times more. When he has the 2-0 lead we said that if Roman got the next takedown he would win because we knew he would just wear [Whaley] down. Roman got on top and he finished him for the win."

That also finished what Roman Walsh had set out to do all along this season: "To be a state champion." And that he is.



I GOT YOU TRAPPED! Wilmington High senior co-captain Roman Walsh was crowned the Division 3 state 135-pound individual wrestling champion on Saturday night when he defeated Southwick Regionals, Frank Whaley, 4-0. Above, Walsh puts one of his moves on during the exciting match held at Burlington High School. (photo by Joe Brown).

Hanley dominates in second straight state meet victory

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

BURLINGTON — There's no ifs, ands or buts. Derek Hanley is the best wrestler to ever walk through the Wilmington High wrestling program. Hands down!

And how can anyone argue anything different?

On Saturday night, he became the first wrestler to be crowned a two-time Division 3 state champion when he defeated Nate Ovins of Holliston, 12-3, in the 145-pound weight class at Burlington High. That came a week after becoming the first wrestler to ever win three straight Division 3 sectional championships.

He currently has a record of 47-1 this season and 148-32 over his career which is the most wins any wrestler has ever had. On top of that he's the first and only wrestler to win the Cape Ann League individual weight class title three straight years, which included being the league's most outstanding wrestler this season. He also is the only wrestler to be in the finals of an all-state match which he did last year, losing a heartbreaking one-point loss to Central Catholic's Tony Pallaria.

He topped that off with the best finish out of any wrestler at the New England Meet taking third, as Billy Tate was the only other wrestler to qualify that far when he took seventh in 1995.

Now he most likely has two more weekends left of wrestling, who knows what he has left in the tank when he meets up with a very tough core of wrestlers on Saturday at the all-state meet to be held at Salem High School? Until then, he's going to enjoy being a two-time Division 3 state champion.

"I think this one was a little easier because I was less nervous and I knew what to expect and I just figured to go out there and win because that's what I came here to do," he said. "I was hoping for the pin, but I'll still take the win. That's good."

Hanley dominated Ovins right from the start. He scored all of his points on hard takedowns, as he controlled the match every step of the way. Ovins scored three points all on escapes.

"He had these weird rolls so I didn't want to take any risks," said Hanley. "When I know I can beat someone by staying on top, I'll let them get escape points that way he

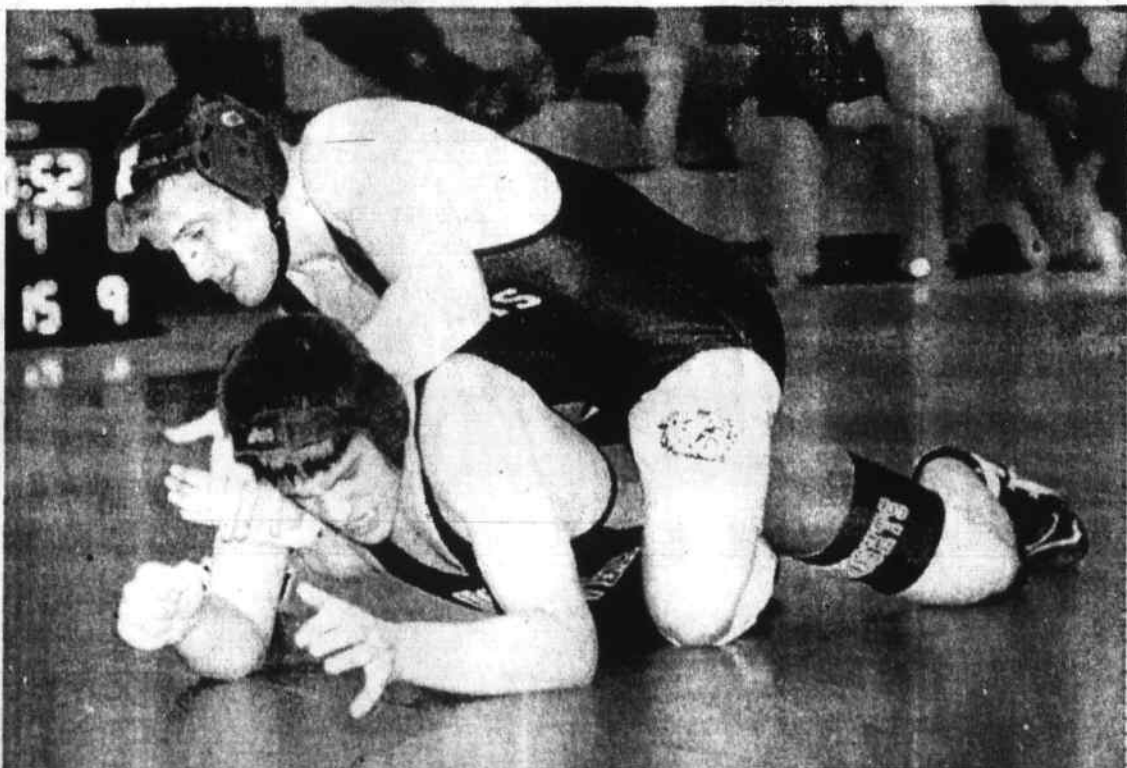
can't get me in a hook and roll and I don't take that chance."

Hanley led 4-1 after the first period, scoring on two separate takedowns, and then drilled him early in the second period which seemed to take everything out of Ovins' sails. Hanley went up 10-3 in the second period, and scored on just one takedown in the third period to finish the match and celebrate with his second state title.

Pimental agreed that the match was Hanley's every second of the six minutes.

"Derek dominated," said Pimental. "He got into a rhythm and never stopped. He outclassed [Ovins] and was so much better technically. I don't think there was a lot of pressure on him because he knows what to expect. He's had an outstanding career and he doesn't have that nervousness or anxiousness anymore. Last year he had nothing to lose because he had another year to go, and this year he's so much better than he was last year. It can be tough but I think Derek proved just what he can do on the mat once again."

And once you see that no one can argue that he isn't the greatest wrestler to go through the program.



TWO-TIME STATE CHAMPION! Wilmington High senior wrestler Derek Hanley, shown here a few weeks ago during a league meet, was crowned the 145-pound Division 3 state champion on Saturday night at Burlington High School. He defeated Holliston's Nate Ovins, 12-3, in dominating fashion. Hanley is now a two-time state champion, the first ever wrestler in the program's history to accomplish that feat. This Saturday he and three of his teammates will try to become the first ever wrestler to take home an all-state title. Last year as a junior, Hanley lost in the final seconds in the all-state final match. (file photo).

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Beat the Winter Blues with the 2nd Annual Dick Scanlon Scholarship Fundraiser

WILMINGTON - What are you doing on the night of Saturday, March 1, 2003? If your answer is, "nothing...really," then this invitation is extended to you!

The Second annual Dick Scanlon Scholarship Fundraiser will be held this year at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus, 72 School Street Extension (located behind St. Thomas Church). The festivities begin at 8:00 p.m. and last until 12:00 midnight.

If you've had enough of the snow and the cold, blustery winds, then you'll be thawed by the hot sounds of "The Distractions", a blues rock band. They'll cure all the win-

ter time blues!! There will also be raffles and prizes to be won and a Hot and Cold Buffet.

The tickets to this event are \$25.00 and sorry kiddies...you must be at least 21 years of age to attend. To buy tickets, contact Steve or Tina Scanlon at 978-658-7944. All proceeds from this event will go to the "Dick Scanlon Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund," for a boy and girl athlete from Wilmington High School.

If you cannot make this special event, please consider sending a donation. Mail to Rich Scanlon, 107 Salem Rd., Billerica, MA 01821.

Opening round of Division 3 North state tournament

Sullivan pushes Rams Boys' Hoop team past Gr. Lawrence

By: MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

There were countless first round tournament basketball games played throughout Massachusetts on Tuesday night, and many of them were likely very dramatic, as tournament basketball tends to be. But it is doubtful that many of them had the drama and excitement of the clash between eighth seeded Shawsheen Tech and ninth seeded Greater Lawrence in the opening round of the MIAA Boys Division 3 North playoffs at Shawsheen.

The Rams prevailed in a thriller by a final score of 49-48, with Tewksbury native Sean Sullivan scoring the game winning basket with 1:25 left in the game. Mike Gore, of Wilmington then preserved the win for the Rams by

blocking Greater Lawrence's last shot as time expired.

The win improved the Rams record on the season to 15-6, while the Reggie's closed out their season with a mark of 11-8. Shawsheen will now travel to No. 1 seed Swampscott on Friday night for a quarterfinal game.

The second half included five ties and six lead changes, as the teams battled each other for the right to advance to the quarterfinals of the tournament. For the final 13:30 of the game neither team led by more than three points.

"The kids did a heck of a job," said coach Ron Nowakowski. "They showed a lot of guts when it counted."

The last four minutes of the

contest were played at a frantic pace. It was not necessarily the best basketball you will ever see, but the efforts of both teams had fans on their feet cheering every move. After Greater Lawrence took a 45-42 lead with 4:13 left in the game on a three pointer by Jonathan Rivera, the Rams had four chances to answer back, but turned the ball over on four consecutive possessions. It looked as if the Rams chances might be slipping away, but some great defensive rebounding by Sullivan and Gore kept them close.

"We could have folded with four consecutive turnovers like that," Nowakowski said. "A lot of teams would have, but they hung in there."

Greater Lawrence maintained

their three point lead and still held a 48-45 advantage with 2:00 left, but Sullivan brought the Rams to within one at 48-47. Another defensive stop and the Rams again fed the ball to Sullivan who hit a nice turnaround jumper in the paint with 1:25 left for what would prove to be the winning basket.

Sullivan dominated the entire game with 14 points, 14 rebounds and seven blocks, but he was especially immense in the closing minutes, scoring the last six Ram points and grabbing every rebound in sight.

"Sully's gained a lot of confidence in his offense," Nowakowski said. "And he is just going to get stronger too. He has improved 200% since the year started and the best thing is that his heart has improved. He gives a great effort."

Sullivan for his part, played down his outstanding effort, deferring to his teammates and the fans for their efforts. But he did acknowledge that things seemed to be working especially well for him on this night.

"The seniors all really stepped up tonight," the junior center said. "And the crowd helped a lot also. Every part of my game was good tonight. Usually my hands aren't too good, but tonight they were."

After a failed possession by the Reggie's and a missed free throw by the Rams, Greater Lawrence had one more chance, getting the ball back with 12 seconds left. The ball was tipped out of bounds with 3.3 seconds left by Shawsheen giving the Reggie's one last chance. Two quick passes of the inbounders left a Reggie shooter open for a split second in the right corner, but Gore quickly got over to reject the shot and send the Rams into Friday night's quarterfinal with top seeded Swampscott.

Gore not only made the play of the game, but he also had a spectacular night all around, finishing with 10 points, 15 rebounds and six blocks.

"Gore has come up big for us the whole season and that block was unbelievable," Nowakowski said. He stepped up big like the champion that he is."

In the early moments of the game it did not look like the Rams would ever be close to such a dramatic finish, as they came out of the gates cold and Greater Lawrence was shooting lights out. The Rams trailed 12-4 with 12:00 left in the first half, having just scored their first field goal of the game with 12:15 left in the half.

But with point guard Chris Pavidis leading the way, the Rams edged their way back into the game. Pavidis scored six points during a 10-2 Shawsheen run that tied the game at 14-14 on a basket by Gore. Pavidis would finish the night with 12 points and three steals, playing a great game on both offense and defense.

"Chris Pavidis did a great job. He played his best game all year at the point," Nowakowski said.

Greater Lawrence did extend the lead to 22-16 with 2:30 left in the half, but the Rams fought back and ended the first half trailing just 24-22 after Chris Frost (seven points, four assists) hit a jumper

with five seconds left in the opening frame.

Greater Lawrence scored the first two baskets of the second half to make the score 28-22, but before things could get out of control Frost and Pavidis combined to bring the Rams back to within 28-27. A Sullivan hoop at the 13:31 mark tied the game at 31-31, and a Gore basket at the 12:05 mark gave the Rams their first lead of the game.

The game remained close throughout the half. The Reggie's

led 39-37 with 7:23 left when Sullivan grabbed a rebound and out it back in to tie the score at 39-39. Moments later Gore nailed a three pointer to give the Rams a 42-39 lead, but before Shawsheen could get comfortable, the Reggie's responded with a three pointer of their own to tie the game at 42-42 with 4:43 left and set the stage for all the last minute heroics.

The game against top seeded Swampscott, who will bring a 19-1 record into Friday's game will be at 7:00 pm at Swampscott High School.

Ice Hockey team keeps up tradition

By: MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

For the 28th time in coach Bill Gordon's 30 year career at the school the Shawsheen Tech hockey team is headed to the state tournament, as the Rams will open play in the MIAA Division 3 North Tournament against Concord-Carlisle in Stoneham on Saturday night at 6:10.

The difference this year for the Rams is that unlike most seasons when they are one of the higher seeds in the tournament, this year the Rams are seeded ninth and are considered an underdog both in this first round game against eighth seeded Concord-Carlisle, as well as for the entire tournament. The Rams bring a record of 10-5-2 into the game, while the Patriots finished the regular season with a mark of 11-5-4.

If the Rams are victorious on Saturday night, they would advance to take on top seeded Lowell in the second round next Tuesday night at 8:15 at the Chelmsford Forum.

"We go in this year with very realistic expectations," Gordon said. "We know we are underdogs, but we are looking to be a spoiler. It's a bit of an unusual situation for us, but we are using our underdog status as a bit of motivation."

The Rams have faced Concord-Carlisle once before this season, dropping a 4-3 decision back on December 19 at the Hallenborg Pavilion. That was just the third game of the season for the Rams, but the Rams have also seen them on a few other occasions this season.

"I think we are fortunate to be playing a team that we have played previously," Gordon said. "We scouted them prior to our game with them and we also scouted them again when they were playing some other teams we were watching, so we feel we have a pretty good read on them."

In that matchup earlier this season, Gordon says the Rams faced a couple of obstacles that they will likely not have to face this time around. First of all, assistant captain Andrew LaCombe was injured and could not play in the game. Secondly, the officiating in Gordon's mind left a little to be desired.

Locals take part in Bay State Games

Jessica Farnsworth of Wilmington earned a bronze medal in the Ladies Novice Division of the 18th annual Bay State Winter Games that came to a close Sunday night as the last of over 500 figure skaters stepped off of the Williams Rink ice.

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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on March 5, 2003 at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company for a Notice of Intent.

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Three other local skaters were awarded medals in various groups during the Olympic style competition: In the pre-junior group, Kathryn Fulton of Tewksbury also earned the bronze; Courtney Mozuch of Tewksbury earned a silver medal in the juvenile girls group A event and Amy Guzel of Wilmington earned a gold medal in the juvenile girls, group C.

The Warriors, an over 40 team from the Hingham area, brought home the gold medal in the Masters Ice Hockey Tournament at MCLA's Vietnam Vets. Mem. Rink in North Adams, while almost 200 high school alpine skiers competed in two giant slalom runs at Hancock's Jiminy Peak, despite the wet conditions.

Over the three day event, 235 medals were awarded and ambassadors of good sportsmanship were recognized thanks to the Bay State Games/New Balance Sportsmanship Program.

The Bay State Games are organized by the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that works year round to promote physical fitness, teamwork, good sportsmanship, mentoring and education through the medium of athletics to Massachusetts residents of all ages and abilities statewide. For complete results of all 2003 Bay State Winter Games events, visit www.iberkshires.com/baystate.

"We haven't had the typical Shawsheen game where the goalie or the defense really stands on their head and steals a game," Gordon said. "We are really looking for our defense to do that in this game. We are looking to our defense and goaltending to take control."

In goal for the Rams will be junior Ryan Harris of Tewksbury. Harris has shared duties with senior T.J. O'Leary this season, but has gotten much more of the playing time lately and Gordon feels he has earned a start in the playoff game.

"Ryan has been with us for two years and has played very well recently," Gordon said. "He has been gaining confidence and the team is gaining confidence in him."

Concord-Carlisle advanced to the North Sectional finals before being eliminated by Westwood last season, so they have obviously shown the ability to perform well in tournament play. The Rams, who won their first round game against Dracut in last year's playoffs before falling to Medfield in the quarterfinals do not have quite as much experience, and in fact have the youngest team Gordon has ever taken to the tournament, with eight sophomores, including several key players like leading scorer Bob Giordano and Tewksbury native Ron Gordon.

Despite the team's youth, however, Gordon feels they gained enough experience in last year's two game stint in the tourney to prepare them for this season.

"All of these sophomores have already experience the tournament," Gordon said. "We have been fortunate to make it four years in a row. All Shawsheen teams make the tournament, it is kind of our standard. They are not going in as rookies, even though they are a very young team."

Top seed Rams get first round bye

By: MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team was rewarded for their spectacular regular season with the top seed in the MIAA Division 4 North Tournament, and will kick off their post season on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 in Billerica.

The Lady Rams, who have a record of 21-1 and earned a first round bye, will host the winner of the game between eighth seeded Whittier Tech and ninth seeded Georgetown, who squared off on Wednesday night. Results of the game were not available as of press time.

The Lady Rams are of course focused on living up to their top seed in the state tournament, but they have already lived up to expectations in the State Vocational Tournament, winning the tournament title by defeating Whittier Tech by a score of 67-40 last Friday afternoon at Shawsheen.

Finally able to look ahead to the state tournament, Shawsheen coach Bill Ritchie took a moment to look back on what was a very impressive win by his squad.

"This tournament is one we were supposed to win," Ritchie said. "I think we are more relieved than elated to win this one."

Not that the game was ever really in doubt, but the Lady Rams did get a brief scare with about ten minutes left in the first half when senior center Ashley Morgado of Wilmington went down with a bloody nose. The absence of Morgado seemed to deflate the Lady Rams a little and give the Wildcats a boost, as what had started to look like a blowout suddenly turned into a battle.

Whittier in fact pulled to within seven points at 23-16 with 5:14 left in the half, and continued to stay within striking distance for the rest of the half. Freshman Mandy MacDonald (eight points) did her

best to keep the Rams on top, hitting a couple of buckets and Wilmington native Kristen Porfido nailed a huge three pointer to make the score 31-18 with 1:30 left in the half. But Whittier would score the final five points of the half to head to the break with the score 31-23 in favor of Shawsheen.

The absence of Morgado was obviously a key to Whittier's resurgence, but Ritchie felt his team played well without her. After all, if not for the final surge by Whittier to close the half, the game could have been all but over at the break.

"The kids have more confidence when Ashley is in the game," Ritchie said. "But give the kids credit, they were still up eight at the half. They held up well without her."

Nevertheless, they were also very happy to see Morgado reenter the game at the start of the second half. Sparked by her return, the Lady Rams put the game out of reach within the first four minutes of the half, extending their lead to 18 points with just over 12 minutes left in the game.

Freshman point guard Erica Marsh, who finished with 17 points got Shawsheen rolling with two quick hoops, and then Morgado began to take over. Morgado would score 17 second half points to finish with a game high 22 overall. Six consecutive points by Morgado, one of which came on a nice feed from MacDonald made the score 43-25 with 12:10 left.

Morgado extended the Lady Rams lead to 54-29 with 8:25 left, on a three point play and moments later Tewksbury's Jenn Elwell, who finished with eight points, gave the Rams their largest lead of the game at 59-29.

The Lady Rams coasted from there and after the win Ritchie was prepared to give his team some much deserved time off before they started to prepare for the state tournament. Ritchie gave

his team the weekend off to get away from basketball for a few days.

"This will be our first weekend off this season," Ritchie said. "This was our seventh game in the past ten days and out fourth this week. They deserve the time off."

They were of course going to be ready to get back together on Monday, even though they were not sure exactly who their opponent would be. The number one seed in the North is a nice reward for the Lady Rams for what they have accomplished this season, but Ritchie doesn't feel his team was given any kind of cakewalk to the semi-finals despite their top seeding.

Last week, Ritchie had said that Georgetown one of the two best teams in the tournament besides his own team, and he has not changed his tune at all now that he knows a second round matchup with them looks very likely.

Georgetown brought a rather modest 12-8 record into their game with Whittier on Wednesday, but Ritchie views them as much more dangerous than their record would indicate.

"Put it this way, there are four or five teams that could win this thing and Georgetown is on one of them," Ritchie said.

Of course, Georgetown may not even be the team that is here on Saturday night. It may very well be a rematch with Whittier Tech. Whittier was hosting Georgetown after all, in the first round, and they had an identical 12-8 record.

"Whittier is a good team, but they don't match up very well with us," Ritchie said. "But today was a good example of how they keep coming at you every second of the game."

If the Rams are victorious in Saturday's game they would advance to the North semi-finals and take on the winner of the game between fourth seeded Minuteman and fifth seeded Austin Prep at a yet to be determined time and location.

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From the Press Box

A look inside to the state tourney

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

It's that time again where March Madness is about to come at us like a pack of wolves. High school hockey and basketball tournaments begin this week, while track and wrestling competitions continue. On top of that, the College Basketball tournament is upcoming, the Red Sox are in Spring Training and the Bruins and Celtics are trying to find out whether they are contenders or pretenders during their mediocre seasons.

Here locally it's a slower winter playoff season than usually, well so it seems. In Wilmington the ice hockey team begins its Division 2 North state tournament run with as game against league rival Pentucket, Friday night at 6 pm at Merrimack College.

Earlier this season, Pentucket defeated Wilmington, 7-4, despite the 'Cats having a 4-3 lead going to the final period. This will be the 'Cats ninth straight appearance in the state tournament - how many coaches besides Wildcat coach Steve Scanlon and the perennial Super Eight teams can say they have accomplished that?

Speaking of great feats the Wilmington boys' basketball team will be making their eighth appearance in the last nine years. The 'Cats will host North Cambridge Catholic at home on Wednesday night. Wilmington sent them packing in last year's sectional semi-finals.

Over in Tewksbury the lone team to make it was the Tewksbury girls' basketball team. They reeled off a fantastic 14-6 season with basically all underclassmen. They will face Reading in the first round of the tournament on Wednesday night at their place.

The Tewksbury boys' basketball team missed out qualifying for their fourth straight year by one game, while the Wilmington girls' hoop team finished 8-12 and two games out by qualifying for the first time in three years.

Over at Shawsheen Tech, the Rams boys' hoop team opened up the Division 3 North tournament Tuesday night with a home match against Greater Lawrence. The top seeded girls' basketball team will host the winner of Georgetown/Whittier Tech on Friday night at 7 pm.

Just a few minutes before the tip-off of that game, the Rams ice hockey team will be facing Concord-Carlisle in a first round Division 3 North tournament beginning at 6 PM.

On top of the hockey and basketball games, this Friday night two locals Dan Sarsfield and Ryan Byrne of the Tewksbury track teams will participate in the New England Track-and-Field competition held at the Reggie Lewis Center (and why is this scheduled for a Friday night with kids coming all over from Maine and Vermont?).

On Saturday, four Wilmington wrestlers — Derek Hanley, Roman Walsh, Jordan Weiner and Phil O'Brien will be participating in the all-state meet to be held at Salem High School. Wrestling is slated to begin at 10:00 am, with finals scheduled for 7 PM, although they have tendencies of being moved up or down.

Here's an inside look into this year's state tournament.

Wilmington Boys' Hockey:

I had predicted the team would finish 12-6-4, and they ended up 10-9-3, so realistically I wasn't off that much. This team has played very well at times, and not so well at other times. They are coming off a fantastic performance against Haverhill, and if they play like that and stay out of the penalty box they could make things interesting in the tournament.

They open with Pentucket. I thought in seeing the Sachems in the one game that they have several good defensemen, a forward who can put the puck in the net, a very good power play but they certainly are beatable. I think coming in at 16-0-4, they could be the most overrated team.

That said, Wilmington won't go into the game and just win. Remember, Pentucket scored seven goals (including an empty netter) against Wilmington in their lone meeting. Thus, if the 'Cats can do a better job in their own

end, they could certainly win this first game meeting.

The key is the penalties. They stay out of the box I believe they win. They go to the box several times, they are one and out. Simply said, it's only so much pressure and shots that goaltender Paul Sferazza and Andy Berian can take.

If they win their opening game, they will have their hands full with either Andover or Danvers in the second round. Andover defeated the 'Cats 5-4 this season, and they also just beat Danvers by a goal last week. Danvers has always been a strong program and still have a couple of guns. They might not have the depth they've had in the years past, but they are still very lethal. Certainly Andover has a good squad, and wouldn't that be something to see old coach Bill Cullen and the Warriors face the 'Cats in the second round?

My prediction is the 'Cats bump Pentucket off, if and only they stay out of the penalty box, 4-3, in a very exciting game. After that, I can't decide who I like out of the Danvers-Andover game. Danvers is coming off an early exit in the first round last year and I don't see that happening again this season.

At the same time, Andover is probably the better team on paper and they are due for a long post season run. But I think if the 'Cats get by Pentucket, both Danvers and Andover could be too deep for them - once again especially if the 'Cats pile up the penalties.

As for the section, St. Mary's of Lynn is a very strong team. Saugus is right behind them so I think either of them will be the sectional winner - but I'm going with St. Mary's.

Wilmington

Boys' Hoop:

This is very difficult. The team probably has the worst draw out of any teams in the Division 3 North bracket. First they take on a team they defeated in last year's sectional semi-finals in North Cambridge Catholic.

If they win that game, they travel to Watertown, to take on one of the better teams in the state, who the 'Cats also defeated in the quarter-final round of last year's tournament.

And if they are fortunate enough to win those two games, they will most likely face a very good Bedford team, or Newburyport at their place and that's a very tough environment to pull off a victory.

I firmly believe that when this team is playing up to its capabilities no one can beat them. If they play with the intensity they did in last year's win over NCC, they should do very well in the tournament. Nothing is going to be easy for this team. They are returning sectional finalists, and they could be playing three teams who would like nothing but to send them home packing.

The 'Cats have to be tough mentally and physically, take care of the ball and have to play defense. They do that and they'll be just fine.

As for the section, Watertown is the team to beat, but Lynn Tech hasn't been thrown off its throne in the past two years winning the sectional title both times. I think if Wilmington does face Watertown in the second round, the winner of

that game will win the sectional title.

As for my prediction, I said they would finish 14-6, and they finished 14-6. Not bad, eh?

Tewksbury Girls' Hoop

I can't wait for this time next year to see just how good this is going to be. With the likes of Courtney O'Brien, Lindsay Cullity and Michelle White as seniors, Liz Mucica a junior and Sara Boudreau as a sophomore, this team could be among the state's best next year. Are they ready for that this upcoming tournament? Most likely no. But they have proven that when they play their up-tempo, fast break, press non-stop kind of game, they can beat nearly anyone.

They open with a tough road game against Reading, who is said to be a darkhorse in the tournament. If they win that game, they face Salem, with Boston Herald Dream-Team and All-Scholastic of a year ago Jen Tamilio, arguably the best point guard in the entire state. But besides her, there's a huge drop-off in talent, so that could help Tewksbury since they have a strong balanced attack.

The team needs Kelly Boyle healthy to make a run. She makes this team that much better. She should be ready to go. Reading is the better team on paper, but Tewksbury has the potential to upset them if they play their game, and not stoop down to their opponents level or tempo.

Tewksbury could be one of those teams upsets a team in the first round and goes on a tear. Or they could be coming off a terrific 14-6 season and facing a handful of terrific teams in the tournament between Melrose, Salem, Reading, Westford Academy, Arlington Catholic, North Andover to name a few.

I had predicted this team to finish 10-10 and they out did me by four games. I'm not sure if they are quite ready to pull off upsets over Reading and Salem just yet, but they have really blossomed this season and a nice run in the state tournament would certainly be terrific to see.

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Rams' teams

The top seeded girls' hoop team will most likely open with Georgetown on Saturday night. I firmly believe the winner of that game will win the sectional title. Although Savio Prep and St. Mary's of Lynn could be darkhorses. The Rams need to keep the fast pace style, get the ball inside, while they need some outside shooters to come through with some big shots.

The boys' hoop team opens with Greater Lawrence on Tuesday night and they could and perhaps should come away with a victory. After that they face the number one seed Swampscott (20-0) and the chances of the Rams beating them are not very good.

The ice hockey team draws Concord-Carlisle in the first round and the teams skated to a one-goal game earlier this season with the Rams on the losing end. It's simple for the Rams: they get good goaltending and defense and they should be OK but they won't have enough firepower to beat Lowell in the second round.

K of C crowns five free throw shooters

Five shooters, representing Fr. Croke Council K of C in Wilmington, were victorious in the K of C District Free Throw Shoot-out held recently at the North Intermediate School.

Facing contestants from Wakefield and North Reading, the Wilmington shooters took five of the 10 age categories with some terrific shooting. The winners were:

Boys

10 Nick Godzyk; 11 Justin Chenevert; 13 William Starratt

Girls

10 Jessica Stuke; 12 Natalie Melkonian

In two cases, our shooters had to make 23 of 25 shots to edge out opponents who had scored 22 shots. Quite impressive!

They now advance to the K of C Regional Shootout at the Coolidge School in Reading on March 8 at 9:30. Winners from that contest qualify for the K of C State Championships, to be held in April at Elm College in Chicopee.

Congratulations to this fine group of shooters and good luck in the Regionals.



WINNING THE DRAW! Wilmington High senior captain Jon Fish attempts a face-off draw during last Wednesday's victory over Tewksbury held at the Janas Rink in Lowell. Fish, and the rest of the Wildcats have qualified for the Division 2 North state tournament for the ninth straight year. On Friday night, they will face Pentucket Regional in first round tournament action at Merrimack College in Andover, beginning at 6:00 PM. Last year the 'Cats were eliminated in the first round and they would like nothing better than to avenge that loss. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

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Wrestling team takes fourth place at state meet

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

BURLINGTON - At the start of the season, Wilmington High wrestling coach Mike Pimental certainly acknowledged that the handful of wrestlers he lost to graduation would certainly be very tough to fill. He also knew that he had some talented ones left over, but more or less this would be a rebuilding season.

All along the coach said that if the team continued the work ethic that the previous few teams had begun, this year's team would do alright. And he was right. The team finished 14-6, came points away from winning the program's first ever league title, and last week they finished a handful of points away from winning its first sectional title.

On Saturday night, the rich got richer. Pimental saw three of his grapplers earn their way to the finals of the Division 3 state meet held over two days at Burlington High School. He watched Derek Hanley become the first wrestler in the program's history to win two state titles. Pimental also watched Roman Walsh be crowned the 130-pound champion, and two state champs in the same year was also a first.

On top of that, Jordan Weiner finished second, as he lost in the final, which also was a first for the program having three kids in the final.

If you want to stretch it out further, the team will send four wrestlers to this weekend's All-State Meet to be held in Salem all day Saturday, while the 'Cats finished fourth in all of Division 3 in terms of team standings. Wilmington finished with 105.50 points which trailed four time state champion Foxboro (163), Burlington (132) and Weston (113.50).

"This has been an amazing weekend," said Pimental. "We thought at the beginning of the year that we would be rebuilding

and here we are with three kids in the finals for the first time ever, and we're going to finish in the top four teams in the [state meet]. We've only had one finalist at a time and tonight we had three with two of them winning which just caps this great season off."

For coach Pimental and his assistants, mainly Pete Mitchell, this was there time to shine for all of the hard work, preparation and dedication they give to each and every kid. Of course they would never take credit for it, but rightfully so, two state championships and a fourth place finish is something they deservedly should take home proudly with them.

"As a coach you hope that each and every day at practice the kids leave with a good feeling," said Pimental. "Whether it's because they like the sport, they practiced as hard as they could, they enjoy being on a team, or because they are getting better and better. When you see one of your kids leave your practice with a good feeling, that's something special to you as a coach."

"You watch the kids grow from being a scared freshman to a bright eyed senior. You get to see their first matches all the way to being a state champion and that's something special. There's nothing better than to be in the corner of one of your kids, watching their hard work pay off with a win and then having them come back after their win, with the smile and you get to congratulate them as they are so overwhelmed that they finally did it. There's nothing better than that."

This past weekend there were plenty of congratulations going around the Wildcat corner. First both Walsh and Hanley were crowned state champions. Walsh defeated Southwick Regional's Dan Whaley, 4-0, in the 130-pound class. Hanley won his second straight title by dominating Holliston's Navin Ovens, 12-3.

Senior Jordan Weiner lost in the finals to Savio Prep's Kevin Mahoney, 12-6. Senior Phil O'Brien finished fourth at 215-pound division as all four of them will advance to Saturday's meet. He started off with a 15-0 win over Hopkinton's CJ Fuchs, before pinning Dedham's Paul Kenyon at the 5:05 mark.

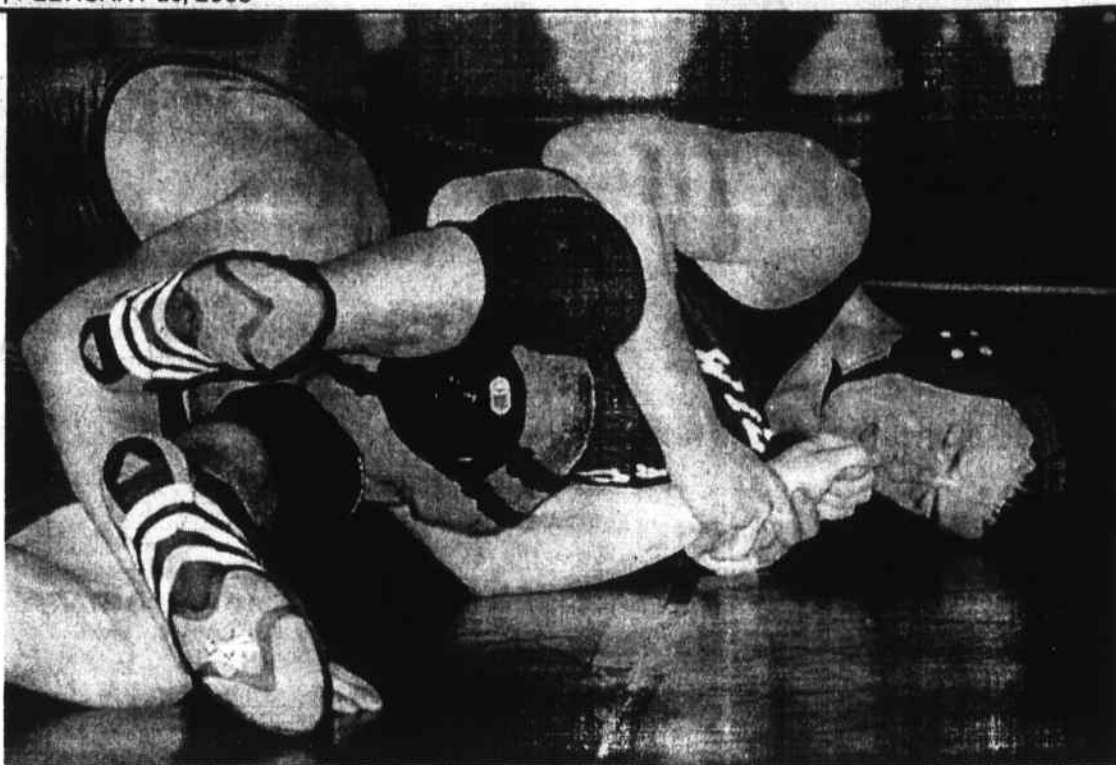
That put him in the semi-finals of the losing bracket where he lost to Pentucket's Mike Bianchi, 5-2. O'Brien then went into the loser's bracket and he defeated Dan Goodman of Hoosac Valley with a pin at 2:15, before losing to Cohasset's Matt Baroudi on a 5-3 decision to take fourth place.

At 112 pounds, sophomore Tim Sughrie finished up his terrific season by going 2-2, which included losing his first match to Tim Mack of Monument Mountain. From there, Sughrie defeated Aaron Nicolson of Taconic Regional, 4-1, and then Travis Tremblay of Winchester on an injury default. Sughrie was then defeated by Foxboro's Eric Rosado.

At 119 pounds, senior Cory Calway finished his season on a strong note. Battling injuries all season, Calway finished with a sixth place. He defeated Joe Plumadore of Gateway Regional and Jim Dickson of Holliston on two pins, before losing in the semi-finals to Jon Blackman of Winchester. Calway then fought out of the loser's bracket where he lost to Plumadore, and Dustin Sebell of Wayland, to take sixth place.

Sophomore Mike St. Aubin got his feet wet at the state meet competing at the 140 pound class. He lost both of his matches, to James Boxer of Monument Mountain, and Nick Buchan of Ashland, but it's clearly evident that the next two years big things will be coming out of this hard working rookie.

Junior Dave Paris also fell victim of going 0-2, losing to Jay Cintrone of Dedham and Nate Owens of Triton. Paris, also has a



WHAT A TURNAROUND! Wilmington High senior co-captain Jordan Weiner, shown here during Saturday night's Division 3 state wrestling final in the 130-pound weight class held at Burlington High School, has gone from being a JV wrestler two years ago to a state finalist as a senior. (photo by Joe Brown).

Co-captain a finalist at state meet

Weiner flips career over instantly

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

BURLINGTON - Two years ago Jordan Weiner was a member of the Wilmington High JV wrestling team under the direction of Pete Mitchell. Last year he moved up to the Big Squad under the guidance of Mike Pimental. He had a pretty good year, but didn't place at the state meet.

On Saturday night, Weiner, a co-captain, found himself in the finals of the 130-pound weight class in the Division 3 state meet held at Burlington High. Certainly he went from the outhouse to the penthouse rather quickly. Weiner was matched up against Kevin Mahoney of Savio Prep.

The two faced one another the week before in the Division 3 sectional finals. Mahoney won that match, and once again he prevailed on Saturday night, winning 12-6. Weiner, like any other great competitor, was extremely upset and disappointed after the loss. Rightfully so, he wanted to win and he felt as if he deserved to win. After all, that's what he's been training for. He didn't want anything to do with condolences or support. He wanted that win, badly. He didn't get it.

But in the big picture, someday he'll realize that making this incredible leap from JV superstar to state finalist in two years is probably just as good of a story, if not better.

"It's just a big disappointment right now," said Weiner, as his eyes filled up. Weiner came into that match winning all three of his previous matches, including one by pin. That victory over Ben Kuni of Taconic Regional High School tied him with Pat Heffernan for the most pins in one season with 28. One more and he'll have the school record all to himself. He's going to get that chance this weekend as he qualified for the all-state meet which will be held Saturday at Salem High School.

"If I get one more pin I'll have the record to myself, and yeah that will mean a lot," he said.

Pimental, on the other hand, can appreciate just how far Weiner has come and having his student-athlete competing for the final match is certainly more than he could have ever dreamt of.

"For Jordan to get to the finals after not placing at all in the state meet last year is just amazing," said Pimental. "Jordan faced a kid who had one loss this entire season. They just had different styles. But Jordan wrestled his heart out, and being in the finals just shows that what you put into the sport you get out of."

Mahoney came right after Weiner scoring two points on a takedown in the opening seconds of the match. Weiner got a point back on an escape, but then found himself down 4-1 after another takedown. Again Weiner came right back scoring two points of his own on a great reverse takedown. The first period ended with Mahoney up 5-3. Weiner cut it to a point with an escape early in the second period, but Mahoney was able to score 7 of the next 9 points in the match including several more on takedowns.

"He has a different style that I wasn't used to," said Weiner. "He's really good on his feet and I just didn't get a chance to turn with my legs. He's strong - he knows how to defend the legs."

"I tried to stay loose and I tried to take him down with my legs. I knew he was going to take a break (and stall once I was gaining some momentum) with his shoulder in-

jury - because he always does that - but I guess I just didn't have enough time."

It was a difficult night for Weiner. Two of his teammates, Roman Walsh and Derek Hanley, followed his match and they were able to celebrate with state championships. Certainly his pain hurt more than ever during those moments.

On Saturday night, 42 wrestlers across the state (three divisions) won individual championships. Another 42 were defeated in

the finals, while, over one thousand other high school wrestlers didn't make it to the finals. Perhaps Weiner's pain may ease after all he was one of the eight percent of wrestlers across the state to make it to the finals of the state wrestling meet.

And how many of those 84 wrestlers can say a year ago they were in the stands watching the state meet, and two years ago they were on the JV team? You can probably count that number of wrestlers on one hand.

Wilmington/Tewksbury Round-Up

Track teams end seasons at all-state meet

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

ROXBURY - A pair of Tewksbury High seniors advanced to the New England Track-and-Field competition this Friday night after taking first and second in their respective events during Saturday's All-State competition held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

Over a dozen of other athletes from both Tewksbury and Wilmington also competed but didn't advance further, as the top six finishers in each event continue their season.

Ryan Byrne, a senior captain on Tewksbury, became the state's best shot-putter as he tossed a personal best 55-02.75 feet, which not only topped the rest of the field including Burlington's Mike Davis who beat him in last week's Class C State Meet, but the throw also broke a seven-year record at TMHS which was previously held by Jon Bombach (54-10.50).

Dan Sarsfield, another one of the senior captains, finished second in the entire state in the two mile. His final kick was absolutely incredible as he finished with a personal best time of 9:32.47, which broke a record set in the 1976-'77 season by Mike Hurton (9:32).

Both Byrne and Sarsfield (see additional stories on the two of them in the Tewksbury sports section) combined to score all of Tewksbury's 18 points as the team finished in third place trailing St. John's Prep of Danvers (38 points) and Brockton (21).

"I've been saying it all year and I'll say it until I die, when your leaders step up good things will happen," said Tewksbury head coach Steve Levine. "I truly couldn't be happier than I am for both Ryan and Dan."

Other participants from the Tewksbury boys team include senior captain Jeff Bourgeois, who finished 19th in the entire state in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7:01. He was also a part of the 4x200 relay team along with Errol Fagone, Josh Corriveau (who this

writer inadvertently missed out on in last week's edition) and Bobby Fitzpatrick. They combined to take a 14th overall finish with a time of 1:37.88.

Finally the 4x800 team of Jon Flanagan, Dan Igo, Mike Cintoletto, and Mike Kukler finished with a time of 8:40.54, which was 15th overall in the entire state.

As for the Tewksbury girls, junior Charlene Aalerud was the top finisher for the team as she tied for ninth place overall with a time of 09:07 in the 55-meter hurdles. Junior Ashley Bibb, who said she ran a horrible race and didn't even want her results printed, finished 18th overall in the 1,000 meter race with a time of 3:23.45. Junior Jenn Clark finished 19th in the shot put with a heave of 32-10.

Finally for the Redgals, two relay teams also competed. The 4x800 team of Lauren Bagley, Cori Mulvanity, Adrienne Lefebvre and Bibb combined for a time of 10:25.70 which was good for 20th place. And the 4x400 team of Anna Kaiser (her best split of the year of 64.7), Colleen Fitzpatrick, Linda Endicott and Stacy Ossinger combined to take 15th overall with a time of 4:18.52.

"We had an off day today but everyone who competed here today is back next year so that's something we can really build on," said coach Bob MacDougall.

As for Wilmington, they sent representatives from both the boys and the girls teams as well. First for the boys, Jason Gustin finished 12th overall in the 1,000 meter race with a time of 2:42.44, while he, Chris Murray, Brian Schell and Shayne Gaffney finished 11th in the 4x800 relay race with a time of 8:34.24.

As for the girls, senior Michelle Brush was 13th overall in the two-mile with a time of 12:00.59, while freshman Jackie Mello was 18th in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7:77. The team's 4x800 relay squad of Brush, Michaela Rufo, Mary Sullivan and Melissa Marques finished 19th overall with a time of 10:24.42.

Pee Wee IV's take on Lions

Thursday night, February 13 the Wilmington Pee Wee IV's tangled with Chelmsford IV. Chelmsford took the first meeting 2-1 so the Cats wanted to even the score!

First period play had the short handed Cats on their heels. Steve Cadigan kept the Cats in this game during the first, stopping everything shot at home. Kyle Gaffey and K.C. Curtis played strong "D" moving the puck out of their zone while also placing several "bone jarring" checks along the way. First, 0-0 at the end.

Second period action had the Cats pick up their play. Chelmsford hit first late in the period but the Cats did not back off. John Moriarty potted his first

off a nice feed from Dean Moran. Corey Lee was his usual self playing the body and disrupting Chelmsford's play! Unfortunately Chelmsford scored another, ending the second 2-1, Chelmsford!

In the third the Cats fought back hard. After back and forth play Sean Tavares got mad and took it coast to coast again, while slipping it by the Chelmsford goalie. Near the end John Moriarty put his second away with Tom Callahan setting him up. Tim Marten and Andrew Floodin had several great scoring chances only to be denied. Chelmsford took advantage of a late Cat miscue to tie it, but overall, a good game! Three to three tie. Go, Cats!!



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WHAT A COMEBACK! The Wilmington High boys' basketball team had every right to celebrate after defeating Tewksbury, 82-80, in overtime on Thursday night held at TMHS. The Wildcats overcame a 17-point deficit with 4:30 to go which eventually eliminated the Redmen from state tournament play. (photo by Jessica Styles).

Boys' Hoop team overcomes 17-point deficit

Absolutely incredible comeback

By MATT KALMAN
Sports Correspondent

With Tewksbury ahead by 17 points and less than 2:30 left in Thursday night's game, the Redmen fans were chanting 'It's all over' and preparing to celebrate a tournament-clinching victory with their classmates.

But after some scintillating 3-point shooting by the Wildcats and some poor free throw shooting by the Redmen, the only thing that was over was Tewksbury's season.

Wildcats guard Michael Jordan, who finished with a game-high 30 points, hit the last of his six 3-point baskets to send the contest to overtime and Zack Mitzan hit the game-winning shot in the closing seconds of the extra session to lift Wilmington to an 82-80 win in what's been called one of the most exciting basketball games to be seen here locally in years held at Tewksbury Memorial High School on Thursday night. The win for Wilmington prevented Tewksbury from qualifying for the state tournament.

Craig Osgood added 19 points, 15 in the second half and overtime, for the Wildcats, who finished their regular season 14-6.

"I'm just so proud of the kids. We needed something like this," said Wilmington coach Jim McCune. "Our year has been a struggle and these kids have worked real hard all year. And believe me, we've searched the world for answers as to why we can't put anything together for a sustained period of time. Tonight was just a culmination of a lot of frustration we've had this year."

A 3-pointer by Tewksbury guard Mike Earley - the Redmen's 11th 3-point goal of the game - extended Tewksbury's lead to 17, 70-53, with a bit more than 2:00 to play. That's when the Wildcats kicked their

offense in gear and Tewksbury (9-10) lost its concentration at the charity stripe.

A free throw by Mitzan, a basket by Derek Trueira and a shot from downtown by Jordan sliced the lead to 70-59 before the Wildcats called timeout with 1:39 to play. Wilmington then fouled Earley immediately and he made the front end of the one-and-one. After his second miss, however, Earley fouled Osgood along the sideline and fouled out of the game with 1:35 left.

"That was the difference," said Tewksbury coach Jim Sullivan, whose team led 38-21, at halftime. "He's our guy. He's our leader; he's our ball handler. Mike Rocco is 'The Man', but Mike Earley is 'Our Guy.' He's the guy that everything goes through."

Osgood converted 1-for-2 from the line and while Tewksbury missed four straight free throws, Osgood and Jordan each nailed a 3-point goal to cut the lead to 71-66. The Redmen then missed four more free throws, allowing a Mitzan dunk with 29 seconds left to slice the lead to three points, 71-68.

"Kevin Tanetta then broke the Redmen's dry spell from line with a pair of made free throws, but he carelessly fouled Osgood on a missed 3 pointer down the other end. Despite Sullivan's efforts to ice Osgood with a timeout between his second and third attempt, the shooter completed the hat trick from the line to cut the lead to two.

Mike Mosher, who led Tewksbury with 24 points, made it a three-point game with 1-for-2 from the line with 13 seconds left. However, Jordan caught a pass from Osgood and buried a trey from the left corner, with seven seconds on the clock to tie the score at 74-74.

"We lost track of (Jordan and Osgood)," said Sullivan. "That's

the question I kept asking them: How did we keep losing them? I think we really got caught up in the craziness and we just lost track of guys. Everybody's running around to try and get a guy and we were getting a guy, but (Wilmington) did a terrific job of making that extra pass and getting it to whoever the open guy was. And to their credit, they made (the open shots)."

Wilmington opened a four-point lead in overtime on a three-pointer by Osgood and a free throw by Mitzan, who finished with 12 points and eight rebounds. Tewksbury battled back to tie the score at 78-78 on hoops by John Cintolo and Jay Donohue (19 points) before Jordan and Mosher swapped hoops to even the score again, 80-80. With 13 seconds left, Mitzan caught the ball on the right side of the lane and hit a flip shot over Rocco's outstretched arm to put Wilmington in front for good.

Tewksbury called timeout with seven seconds left and Osgood deflected the ensuing Redmen inbound pass out of play with six ticks left. The second Tewksbury inbound pass landed in Rocco's hands. The senior center, who finished with 17 points and 20 rebounds, drove into the lane and kicked a pass to the left wing for Mosher, who drove to the hoop and lofted a fadeaway shot over Mitzan's arm and off the rim as the buzzer sounded.

"This team has really struggled against the high expectations that we set for ourselves this year coming off of last year's season," said McCune. "It hasn't been pretty and we really haven't found our stride. But to do this tonight - and I'll tell you what, Tewksbury was playing unbelievable - the biggest thing we wanted our guys to do is just keep working hard and keep our intensity level high."

Boys' Hoop team will face North Cambridge Catholic ic rematch

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Last year at this time, the Wilmington High boys' basketball team stole everyone's hearts when they defeated Weston, Watertown and North Cambridge Catholic in the state tournament, before losing to Lynn Tech in the program's first ever trip to the sectional final.

On Wednesday night, while this paper is being printed, the No. 7 seeded Wilmington Wildcats (16-4) - the two-time Cape Ann League Champions (they won it all by themselves, which was incorrectly stated in last week's paper) - will take on No. 10 seed North Cambridge Catholic at home beginning at 7:00 PM.

Should they win that game, Wilmington will face arguably the best team in the area in No. 2 seed Watertown, in what could be a game for the ages. If the 'Cats win their first game, the second round game will be played Saturday night at 7 pm at the very large Watertown gymnasium.

The question now remains can the Wildcats steal the hearts of everyone again as this year's Division 3 state tournament begins? After all, last Thursday night they did that and more when they overcame a 17-point deficit with 4:30 to go, to come back and defeat neighboring Tewksbury in overtime, 82-80, which eliminated them from state tournament play for the fourth straight season. As for Wilmington, this will be their eighth trip in the past nine years.

"I don't know if there's a tougher first round match-up, and then if we get Watertown, they've been waiting for the rematch for a year now," said coach Jim McCune. "But we can't look ahead. We have to take care of business with the first game."

The first game is another rematch with the North Cambridge Catholic Panthers. Last year the 'Cats beat the number two seed, 85-80. Their team was loaded and Wilmington played superbly, especially in the second half. It was the program's biggest win ever.

"North Cambridge Catholic is a team that can beat us and there's a lot of teams who can beat us, but I feel the way we're playing right now - especially after the Tewksbury game - if we continue to play like that and play the way we can, there's no one that can beat us," said coach Jim McCune. "The question is what can bring to the table against North Cambridge Catholic after the Tewksbury game? I don't think a coach could draw up any game better heading into the tournament that what we all saw at Tewksbury. We're hoping that momentum carries us into the tournament."

When Wilmington faced North Cambridge Catholic in the sectional semi-finals at Wakefield High School, the 'Cats overcame an eight-point halftime deficit and won 85-80. They were led by Craig Osgood (27 points, including 16 in the second half), Pat Taylor (18) and Mike Jordan (10) among others who graduated. Those three players are back, as well as 6-foot-8 center Zach Mitzan, who has had his share of double-double games and they'll be looked upon to lead the way on both ends of the court.

"If we don't play defense, North Cambridge Catholic will definitely put points on the board," said McCune. "Defense is the paramount in the entire tournament - not just for us but for every team. We have to limit teams to just one shot on their possessions, and we have to limit our turnovers. We have to play with some intensity on the defensive end."

North Cambridge Catholic will be led by a solid two-man front court in Barrow and Taylor, while they play with three younger guards, including Phil Jourdain, who has caught McCune's eyes.

"They are pretty balanced," said McCune. "Year after year they are a good program. They might not play in the best league but they make up for it by playing a very strong non-league schedule. Just last week they played in a Taunton tournament against Dartmouth, a division two team, and Brockton, a division one team. They're young but they can play."

"I think we can match up pretty well against them. We're going to play some zone, and some man-to-man and see what adjustments they make out of that. I told the kids that there's a lot of things they can control in a game. Shooting is not one of them. But the kids can control how they play on defense, how much intensity they have and play with, they can control rebounding. Those are the

keys right there. North Cambridge will zone pressure us and that hasn't really bothered us all season long, neither has man-to-man. And then there's the other things like free throws and not making mistakes."

Should they defeat the Panthers, Wilmington will have its hands full with another team destined to do anything they can to avenge last year's loss, and that's Watertown. They are led by Tony Murgo, who scored 17 points in last year's 54-51 game against the 'Cats in the sectional quarter-finals but he did miss several open looks on treys down the stretch. He has been deadly from the outside in the last few games and he certainly will be a pain in the 'Cats side.

"Watertown has a lot of quickness," said McCune. "It's basically the same kids they had last year but a better center. This kid, Jared Miller is 6-foot-6 and he can rebound. The other four kids are extremely quick and they take care of the ball. [If we play them] we can't give them lay-ups. And we can't give Tony Murgo open threes. They like to go up and down the floor. We have to take away their lay-ups. And lay-ups come two ways, either on steals or penetration. They will press us the

Squirt E's heat up in Dual State play

The Squirt E's had a busy vacation week, despite the dumping of snow! The team started off with a Dual State game on Thursday against Acton/Boxboro. The line of Jeffrey Goossens, Jared Ravagni and Trevor Foley took off, scoring two goals in the first period and three in the second. The first was by Goossens on an awesome pass from Foley and Ravagni. Then with one second left in the first period, Ravagni took a pass from Goossens and shot it in for goal number two.

Meanwhile, the offensive line of Hayes, Pino and Shafer, while held scoreless, applied constant pressure on the Acton/Boxboro team. Wilmington's defensive crew of Joey Walsh, Bobby Carlin, Jake Straccamoro and Joey Russell miraculously kept the Acton/Boxboro team to only one goal in the first.

In the second period, Goossens scored his second of the night with a pass from Foley, followed by a Ravagni breakaway goal, fed this time by Foley and Walsh. Foley then completed the Cats' scoring, assisted by his line mates, Goossens and Ravagni. Carlin was constantly hustling on defense, while Russell, Walsh and Straccamoro kept fighting back the Acton/Boxboro shifts due to illness. Ryan Maskell was between the pipes, making his awesome kick saves and dives look so easy. The team ended with a win at 5-4.

The team then traveled to Chelmsford to begin the President's Cup Tournament, organized by Chelmsford Youth Hockey League. The Wildcats Squirt E's came out blazing against the Billerica team, pumped up by their pregame tunes. Again the team was without Mearls and Matt Toto - a little shifting around brought out Jeff Goossens, Joey Walsh, Joey Russell and Bobby Carlin on defense.

Hustle was the name of the game this time. Ravagni started the scoring on a pass from Jake Straccamoro. Then Tommy Shafer was robbed of a chance when a Billerica stick was thrown in front of him. This triggered a penalty shot that Shafer took courageously, lifting the puck over the goalie's right shoulder for a score. At the next changeup, Trevor Foley came off the bench, grabbed the puck and dumped in a clean one for goal number three. Maskell made many diving saves and along with his defensive mates held Billerica scoreless in the first.

The second period saw Billerica's scoring come alive - Matthew Angelo and Drew Barnard both got the puck past Maskell, but many others were turned away. The Wildcats started showing some fatigue midway through a very physical second period. Pino, Gosselin and Hayes kept at it, but along with the rest of the offense, couldn't get it past the Billerica goalie.

The third period proved to be all defense, as both teams were held scoreless. Carlin made some awesome plays, keeping Billerica's Angelo from scoring again, and along with Russell, Walsh and Goossens, worked hard to keep the puck up. Hayes added his strong defensive skills as well, to help Maskell turn away the Billerica team. Billerica pulled their goalie in the last minute, but couldn't produce. Wilmington iced it with four and a half seconds left, and luckily won the faceoff, ending with a 3-2 win.

Day two of the President's Cup saw the Wildcats face off against an intense Casco Bay, Maine team at Skate 3. Again Wilmington was without two key defensemen, Mearls and Toto. Casco Bay started out playing man to man on Wilmington, keeping the pressure on Maskell in net and

entire game and we have to stop them in transition and their runs to the hoop. We beat them last year 54-51 and that's the kind of game we want. We can't have an 85-83 game against them."

As for the rest of the bracket, that too is pretty loaded. Number one seed Swampscott finished 20-0 in the Northeastern Conference. McCune said they play extremely hard and play tremendous together, especially on defense. There's teams like Amesbury and Newburyport which gave Wilmington its problems this season. Bedford and Savio Prep are both solid clubs, and then there's the returning two-time sectional champs of Lynn Tech, who sent the 'Cats packing in each of the past two years.

"To me they are the team to beat because no one has knocked them off," said McCune. "They might not be as talented or as deep as they were last year, but they have that edge teams need to win games. They put that fear in you when the going gets tough, they put on the afterburners."

That's what McCune is hoping happens with his team. They come to play, they come with the right intensity, and they put on the afterburners which will once again steal all of our hearts.

thwarting many scoring chances. Casco Bay started the scoring, popping one just on the line - Maskell thought he had it, but to no avail. He came back strong, with a great kick save that kept out another one.

Wilmington defense of Goossens, Walsh and Carlin, this time led by Joey Russell, kept the puck out as much as they could against a very strong Casco Bay, ending the first period at 1-0. The second period saw Casco Bay continue the intense pressure. Wilmington started coming back, but Casco Bay stole the puck away at each Wilmington breakout. Straccamoro and Gosselin helped the D hold the line, but the Wildcats couldn't hold them back and two more Casco Bay goals snuck by.

The third period brought the Cats out skating for their lives. The fourth Casco Bay goal was an awesome shot from the right that Maskell couldn't have saved. Wilmington came back within a minute - Pino took a faceoff in Casco Bay's end. Hayes got the rebound, and tipped it to Shafer who fired it in from just outside the crease for their only goal of the game. Ravagni looked as though he had goal number two on a breakaway, only to hit the crossbar.

Casco Bay ended their scoring with a shot off a faceoff with 1:17 left in the game. Wilmington pulled it out in the last 30 seconds, even plying Maskell from the net, but both Foley and Ravagni were again held off. Despite very hard skating and playmaking, the Cats lost 5-1.

The next day Wilmington played their third and final game against Chelmsford. Maskell was again shut in net. Almost all the offense got into the act by scoring or setting up great plays. Chelmsford started with intense pressure on all the Wildcats, but Ravagni stopped them dead with the first goal of the game. Maskell kept Chelmsford scoreless in the first while Walsh, Carlin and Russell used the boards and kept constant pressure on them. This time, Frankie Mearls was back on defense, stopping most Chelmsford plays. Gosselin and Straccamoro applied pressure, controlling the puck well.

Goossens almost scored shortly into the second period, followed by close attempts by Shafer, Ravagni and Hayes. Chelmsford's persistence kept the Wilmington defense busy, and they finally got one through on Maskell. Wilmington fought back. Ravagni took it down ice and passed to Goossens, who in turn fed it back to him for goal number two.

The Wildcats didn't stop in the third period. Foley took the puck up despite four Chelmsford skaters on his heels. A great pass to Goossens then to Pino for the score put Wilmington up 3-1. Shafer then added to the scoring assisted by Hayes and Ravagni. Chelmsford didn't let up firing away on the Wilmington goal. Maskell stopped a great Chelmsford breakaway, cutting down the angel just right. Ravagni and Foley then brought it home with goal number five.

Throughout the game, Russell and Carlin showed their defensive skills constantly. Walsh used those boards better than anyone and Carlin showed their defensive skills constantly. Walsh used those boards better than anyone and Mearls pulled it all together, helping Wilmington to a 5-1 victory. The kids demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship, ending the President's Cup with two wins.

The team wishes to thank the Chelmsford Youth Hockey League for sponsoring a great tournament, our team sponsor Nocella Paving, and the coaches, for their patience and encouragement throughout the weekend.



TWO-TIME CAPE ANN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS! The Wilmington High School boys' basketball team made school history last week when it won back-to-back league titles. No other team in the program's history has ever won consecutive league championships. (photo by Jessica Styles).

Pee Wee IV's continue team work

Sunday, February 23, the Wilmington Pee Wee IV's took on Danvers III at the Ristuccia Rink. Danvers is now a newcomer to our division so their ability at play was not known to the Cats, this did not matter!

In the first Danvers came out flying within 2:15 minutes they were up 2-0. The Cats were told to calm down, play their game. The defense of Sean Tavares, Matt Goodland, Kyle Gaffey, Justin Rivera and Chris Colosimo were told to keep the front of the net clear of Danvers players!

They did this beautifully, the rest of the game. Steve Cadigan with his defense's help buckled down and stopped several labeled shots while

holding the fort the rest of the game. John Moriarty took advantage of a Danvers miscue taking a nice feed from Sammy Grant to skate in alone to get his first. Two to one after one!

Action in the second was swift and back and forth! Midway through John broke through with Tim Patrie and Sammy getting their assists. Corey Lee potted his goal with line mates Tim Marten and Andrew Floodin right there for any possible rebound. John Moriarty ended the second getting his hat trick on a nice wrist shot with Tim P. helping again. Good period, good play by both teams! Wilmington, 4-2.

Final period play went both ways making it an exciting game. Tom Cal-

lahan, Steve Piscatelli and Dean Moran had an excellent game unfortunately no points but played great hockey at both ends of the ice! After most of the third had been played Andrew Floodin squeaked one in from Corey and Tim M. Danvers fought back at 1:27 on a power play but John figured he got it back with 15 seconds left, Sam and Tim P. getting the helpers.

Throughout the game K.C. Curtis who was sick and wanted to play but couldn't helped the coaches behind the bench with his two cents while shooting the breeze with his friends! Great game by all! Wilmington 6-3. Go Cats and thanks Constant Temp!!

Hockey team will take on unbeaten Sachems

By JAMIE POTE
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Last year at this time, Wilmington High boys' hockey coach Steve Scanlon said he had seen plenty of crazy things happen during the state tournament. Little did he know a few days after making that statement that the improbable would happen to his club.

In the first round of the Division 2 North Sectional tournament last year, the Wildcats were defeated by Salem in overtime. The Wildcats had never qualified for the state tournament in their 56-year history, including playing the last few years in an independent schedule.

This Friday night, Scanlon will be coaching a Wildcat team in the state tournament for the ninth straight year as the 'Cats will face league rival Pentucket (16-0-1), Friday night at 6 p.m. at Merrimack College. Pentucket defeated Wilmington, 7-4, as the 'Cats lost a 4-3 lead going to the third period in the two teams' only meeting this season. Should the Wildcats win that game, they will face the winner of Danvers/Andover in the second round of the 16-team tournament. Andover, led by former

WHS coach Bill Cullen, defeated Wilmington, 5-4, earlier this season.

During the nine-year run, Wilmington has reeled off many big wins including over Winthrop, Masconomet, Bishop Fenwick, Newburyport and Haverhill to name a few. They also lost tough games to better teams such as Saugus and Danvers, while games like Lynnfield and Salem might have gotten away from them.

Throughout that run have been many great moments - the overtime win over Masconomet, the sectional final loss to Saugus at Boston University, and the two-day three overtime loss against Duxbury.

This year's team might be very different from those of the past, and they are extremely younger and lack state tournament appearance for the most part. However, they're coming off a fantastic showing against Haverhill which they knocked the Hillies out of the tournament with a last second controversial goal to end the game in a 2-2 tie. And the 'Cats are also entering a season with many great teams, and that hasn't changed.

"There's two sides to that," said

Scanlon. "Either they don't know what to expect so they just go out there and play, or they play really tight and go to pieces. We have guys like Paul [Sferrazza], Greg [Buck], Andy [Berian] and Dave [DeMango] who have been through it, so that's where you hope those guys can help the younger kids. But with two referees who are going to call the game tight, you just hope that the kids can keep their heads in the game. That's my biggest concern because we have taken ourselves out of many games because of our problem in the penalty box."

And that was the difference in the regular season game against Pentucket. Leading 4-3 entering the third period, Wilmington gave up a pair of power play goals, before getting one back making it 5-4. Pentucket added two late goals, including an empty netter to seal the deal. They are 16-0-4, but they are certainly beatable. Their defense is good, their power play is very good, but they appear to be shaky in the net.

"Obviously they have had the year to read about," said Scanlon. "When you are 16-0-4 you are having a great season. I think the game we played them the score doesn't indicate the game. We had the lead going into the third period and we spent it in the penalty box. When you give a team such as Pentucket five to eight opportunities on the power play, you're going to lose 7-4."

"I wouldn't want to be in [Pentucket's shoes] right now. When you are undefeated a lot of the times you play tight and it wears on you. I remember a time when we had won 13 in a row and I was in a way hoping to lose one so you get it over with and the kids can play loose again. When you have a streak like that, a lot of times kids can play tense because they don't want to make that one mistake. I know we can skate with [Pentucket]. And I'll say this that we played as good as we ever played last week [against Tewksbury and Haverhill]."

Wilmington needed to qualify for the tournament by getting six points in their last five games. They pulled off wins against Newburyport, Nauset Regional and Tewksbury, while they tied Haverhill and lost to Tyngsboro. In between all of that they played three games in a row, including a terrific back-and-forth battle with Haverhill which ended in a 2-2 tie, as well as a chaotic chain of events (including things being thrown on the ice and Haverhill coaches being restrained) following the last second goal by Kevin Tobin.

"That was a great warm up for us," said Scanlon. "It was just like a state tournament game and in a sense it's one last team we have to worry about because we knocked them out. My kids played terrific - especially playing their third game in three days. You couldn't have asked for a better game to watch."

This match-up against Pentucket will be very interesting. Wilmington will be led by its top line of freshman Tony Resendes (21 goals, 27 assists, 48 points), which led the entire league in scoring, sophomore Ed Tucker (18-26-44) and junior Dave DeMango (18-17-35). Pentucket counters with Bomba, who was second in the league in scoring around 45 points.

"We need to stay out of the box," said Scanlon. "No matter who we are playing, we have to stay out or we'll be in trouble. We need to get production from more than one line. We have to clean up in our own end and we have to continue to get solid goaltending from both Andy and Paul. I really believe that without the play of those two guys, we would never get over the hump and into the tournament."

This year's tournament is once again loaded. Returning sectional champion St. Mary's of Lynn is a very good team and they are the top seed. Danvers, Saugus, Winthrop and Andover are always in the mix and are always dangerous. Peabody can't be counted out, after all they put 60 shots on Sferrazza when the teams played to a tie earlier in the season.

"I think the kids are excited about qualifying," said Scanlon. "We can't think ahead to [the second round match-up] because you just can't when it comes to the tournament. We'll have a week off and I say 'let's go'. I've seen crazier things happen. If you polled 100 coaches last year none of them would have given Salem any kind of shot of staying with us."



WILMINGTON HIGH SENIOR GOALTENDER PAUL SFERRAZZA was named to the Cape Ann League All-Conference team this past week. He and the rest of his teammates will take on Pentucket Regional Friday night at Merrimack College in a first round game of the Division 2 North state tournament. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

Sferrazza seeking revenge against Sachems

Keeping the net clear

By PAUL HAYES
Sports Correspondent

Paul Sferrazza doesn't remember much about the game against Salem last year. He was a sophomore at Pentucket Regional High School, played earlier this season.

According to the Wilmington net-minder, the Wildcats began the third period with a 4-3 lead. Then Pentucket stepped up their attack, letting loose a torrent of shots, and scoring four times in route to a 7-4 win.

"They found a way to beat me," said Sferrazza. "It was probably one of my worst performances (this season). My memory of the game is not too clear; I try to block it out."

But if the game left him lacking in memory, it didn't leave him lacking in motivation. Sferrazza is chomping at the bit for a rematch, which is what he'll get when the two teams lock horns again this week.

Wilmington (10-9-3) and Pentucket (16-0-4) will play again in the first round of the Division II state tournament at 6 p.m. Friday at Merrimack College. The undefeated Pentucket team enters the game as the clear favorite, which is another source of motivation for Sferrazza, who was voted as the lone Wildcat to the Cape Ann League All-Conference team.

"I always liked being the underdog," said Sferrazza, adding that he would take great pride in inflicting a season ending loss on Pentucket. "I just want to beat them."

This year marks Wilmington's ninth consecutive state tournament appearance, the last three of which included Sferrazza in net. He got his first taste of the state tournament as a sophomore, when he played the final minutes of a second round win over Newburyport.

Last year he started in Wilmington's 3-2 overtime loss to underdog Salem, who were making their first state tournament appearance in 57 years. According to Sferrazza, he went cold because the game was mostly played at Salem's end of the ice.

"I only had ten shots on me," said Sferrazza. "I was upset when we lost, because I wasn't expecting to (lose). A win this year would be nice."

Sferrazza first stepped in goal around age 8, as a member of the Mite B level youth hockey team. While his memory of recent losses may be cloudy, he clearly recalls the circumstances that landed him between the posts.

"We were switching off goalies all the time, and halfway through the season I volunteered, because I thought it looked like fun," said Sferrazza. "We won that game 5-0, and the next game (that I played goal) we lost 5-0."

Sferrazza has always employed a stand up goaltending style, unlike many contemporary goaltenders - including teammate junior Andy Berian - who prefer to hit the ground and fan out their pads using the "butterfly" technique.

"He's old school. He's more of a classic stand up goalie who challenges the shooters and I like that," said coach Steve Scanlon. "He's good at taking the puck out of play and good at knowing when the team needs a breather to cover it up."

This season, Sferrazza platoon with Berian. Sferrazza compiled a 4-7-2 record, with one shutout, 3.28 goals against average, and an 88.12 save percentage; while Berian had a 6-2-1 record, 2.85 goals against average, and 89.85 save percentage.

According to Scanlon, Sferrazza is level headed both on and off the ice. Scanlon, who has coached Sferrazza on both the hockey and soccer teams, said Sferrazza never allows his emotions to get the best of him.

"He doesn't get too up and he never goes too down and that's very important in high school sports," said Scanlon. "He gives you a consistent effort every night. He's a team first kind of guy. He's a good solid player and a good kid for the rest of the team to model after."

Sferrazza said his favorite aspect of goaltending is the pressure. In his own words, it was "fun" when the rest of the team counts on him to make a save, in the moments when he becomes the focal point of the game. By this definition, he had the most fun against Peabody, when he made 57 saves in a 3-3 tie against them.

"There was consistent pressure throughout game," said Sferrazza. "I got in the way of everything, half the saves I don't know how I made."

This week will mark Sferrazza's second consecutive season appearing in a state tournament. In the fall he was a member of the Wilmington boys' soccer team, which made a surprise run to the sectional semifinals. He said the hockey team and soccer team both entered their respective tournaments as low seeds.

"(The soccer team's) tournament run was a nice little surprise," said Sferrazza. "No one expected us to go anywhere."

He will prepare for the tournament like any other game. Sferrazza will keep to himself before the game, and make sure he follows the same routine for packing and putting on his hockey gear. He won't have many words for his teammates, and he won't need to, because the high stakes of the state tournament speak for themselves.

"I'm vocal when I have to be, but usually I keep to myself and focus on the game," said Sferrazza. "I don't let the state tournament get to me. I hope I'll play like I did against Peabody, and I want to see the rest of the team keep their cool and play their game."

Jamie Pote contributed to this report.

Redgals get best of 'Cats in season finale

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

For Tewksbury, it was a nice win as they head into the Division 2 state tournament. For Wilmington, it was the final game of their interesting season.

The two basketball teams met for the final regular season game on Thursday night at Wilmington High School. While, their male counterparts were playing a game for the ages, these two female teams wrapped up their regular seasons in an extremely busy week. Tewksbury prevailed in this game, 44-34, as coach

Pat McAndrews was able to get the majority of his players into the game as they fine tuned their 14-6 season. It was the team's fifth straight victory.

As for Wilmington, they had their share of ups and downs this season, but Thursday night was a pretty good performance for the 'Cats. Defensively the team played much better, while, junior Bryanna Moroney had a tremendous game scoring half of the team's points as she scored 17 points and added 13 rebounds.

"We're a little tired and a little banged up," said McAndrews. "We knew it wasn't going to be our best performance and it certainly wasn't. We don't play well on back-to-back nights, but we really weren't concerned with the score. We wanted to get some kids in there, rest of some kids and get ready for the tournament."

Tewksbury had a 27-14 half-time lead and scored just 17 points in the second half including just five through the first ten minutes of the second half. Wilmington continued to hang around cutting the lead down to ten several times. But they couldn't climb into the single digits.

"It really wasn't a good way to end the season," said Wilmington coach Al Duffett. "Emotions played a big part into the loss from where we were [Wednesday night] to [Thursday night]."

Wilmington was coming off a 20-point win over another Merrimack Valley Conference team in Dracut, while, on the same night, Tewksbury was coming off a win against another Cape Ann League team in Newburyport.

Tewksbury stormed out to a 8-2 lead as the 'Cats didn't score a field goal until Elisa Maglione scored on a nice pass from Lauren Rappoli six minutes into the game. Wilmington got back into the game trailing 15-10, until junior Courtney O'Brien went end-to-end on a beautiful drive, followed by three straight baskets by freshman Sara Boudreau. Tewksbury ended its 10-0 drive when senior Kristen Rose drained a swish on a jump shot.

Trailing by 13 points with 8 minutes remaining in the game, the Wildcats had a golden chance to get back into the game. Moroney and Maglione scored separate baskets on inside moves, but two missed free throws would have put the 'Cats within seven. Instead both teams exchanged three-pointers, and

Tewksbury drained several big baskets on a short 5-2 run which put the lead to 12 with 1:36 to go and that put the game away for the Redgals. Both O'Brien and Boudreau had 10 points to lead Tewksbury, while, Janel LaFreniere contributed with 5 points and 7 rebounds.

As for Wilmington, besides Moroney, Maglione and Kerri Gillespie each had four points. The team graduates five seniors Gillespie, Stacey Comer, Danielle Spry, Lauren Crowley and Katie Halas. However, next year's team will have a good amount of experience behind Moroney, Maglione, Lani Cabral-Pini, and the pair of freshmen Alyssa Bibeau and Megan Godding.

"To assess the season I would say that we saw consistent improvement from Bryanna, Kerri and Megan," said Duffett. "We're encouraged by the JV team. Dana Atkinson did a great job with them this season and they are a lot of fun to watch. They can shoot, they play defense and they all play very unselfish basketball. I think a lot of them are ready to come up to the varsity for next season."

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Spry adds to better season for girls hoop team

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

She'll be the first to admit that her last high school game wasn't

her best. But she'll be the first to admit that despite the team's ups-and-downs on and off the court, Danielle Spry's senior season was

probably the one she'll remember the most.

"This season was a lot better than last year," Spry said, after the team's 44-34 loss to Tewksbury at home last Thursday night which ended their season with an 8-12 record. "We won just five games last year. Having [8 wins] was much better."

It wasn't difficult to read into some of Spry's comments that it took the team a while to adjust to the style of new coach Al Duffett. He's demanding, he wants to win and he's extremely intense, which was the complete opposite personality of the previous coaches. But that said, she knows that the team improved in several areas.

"Defensively we improved so much," she said. "At the beginning of the season we were horrible."

Things started off well for the team as they won their first two games, but then hit a big lull in the middle of the season winning just one of eight games. They closed the season out strong, winning 5-of-their-last-10 games, including a pair of wins over Dracut, the last coming Wednesday night.

"We played so much better in that game," she said. "I know I did. [Thursday night] I stunk."

During that middle run where the team went through a tough losing streak, it could have easily quit. The 'Cats could have easily tanked it, and ended the season with another 4-16 or 5-15 record. But they didn't do that. Instead they continued to improve and made things interesting down the stretch beating Dracut twice, Hamilton-Wenham once, Ipswich and Rockport, while tough losses to Hamilton-Wenham and North Reading was the difference of the team not qualifying for the tournament.

"We all contemplated [quitting]," she said. "We had problems but the difference was we talked them through and that was much better. The thing I liked it

we all played for each other. We all had so much fun playing together and that's what I'll remember the most."

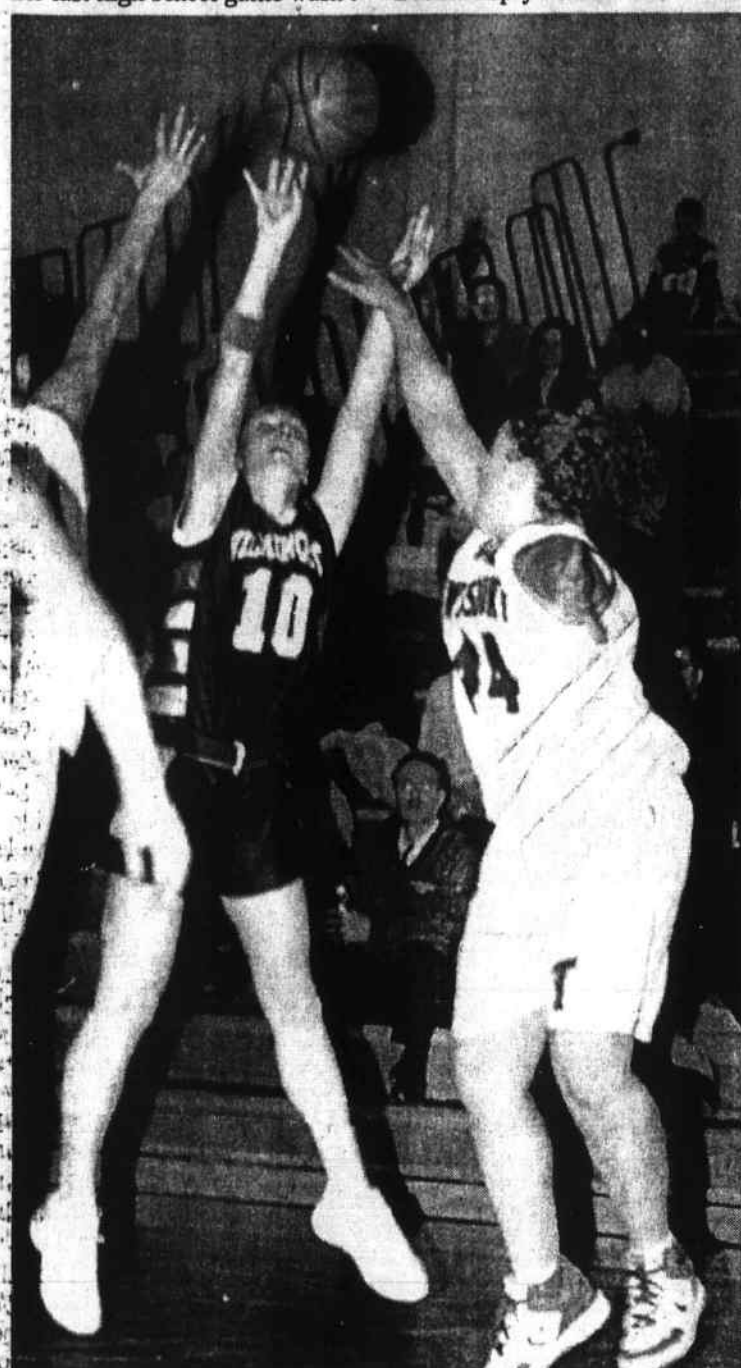
Spry is one of the team's better defensive players, if not the best. She also was pretty good on the base line with jump shots. She wasn't going to get double-double games every time out, but she had all-around solid games against Amesbury, while she pumped in 16 in the win over Pentucket and was solid with 7 points a handful of rebounds in the team's loss to Newburyport.

"Danielle's a hard working kid who always has a smile on her face," said Duffett. "She's well respected by her teammates. She has good wheels, and she was the best player for us defending the 3-2 zone being the top played. She played that expertly."

When asked about her own improvements on the season, Spry agreed that her defense has been better.

"I think I had more confidence this year," she said. "Maybe because I'm a senior or because I had more experience, but my defense definitely improved."

In June, Spry will graduate from Wilmington High School and enter the "Real World". She is going to attend George Washington University and she said she is going to concentrate on International Business/Spanish studies. And during that four-year span there, she can admit that she's done alright in life, just like she has on the basketball court.



WILMINGTON HIGH SENIOR TRI-CAPTAIN DANIELLE SPRY in action during a recent CAL game. (photo by Jessica Stygles)

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON



CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Notice of Intent, filed by Robert Scarano, 1147 Main Street, Suite 106, Tewksbury, MA 01876, owner & applicant. The applicant is proposing to construct a single-family dwelling, deck, driveway and septic system. This property is within the 100 foot buffer zone of Bordered Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located on Assessor's Map 95 Parcel 17G, 101 Woburn Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

James Morris, Chair
F26;3173 Conservation Commission

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 after 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by Jason Thibert, 784 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to construct a two car garage with an addition above. This work is within the 100 foot buffer zone of bordered vegetated wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map 53 Parcel 5B, 76A Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

James Morris, Chair
F26;3172 Conservation Commission

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BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on March 17, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 20-2003
Patricia Baron & Joseph Burke seeking a determination by The Board under Sec. 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion (s) of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing lot has insufficient area, width, depth, frontage and setbacks - proposing an addition meeting the side yard setback) for property located on 110 Parker Street. Map 50 Parcel 26.

Case 21-2003
Tam Development Corp to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 6.6.7.7 - Groundwater Protection District for property located on 943 Main Street. Map 12 & 25 Parcel 1.

Case 22-2003
Kathleen McCarthy to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 4.2 for an Accessory Apartment for property located on 490 Woburn Street. Map 75 Parcel 2.

Case 23-2003
Gary Roberts seeking a determination by The Board under Sec. 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion (s) of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing lot has insufficient area, frontage, width and front yard setback on Grant Street - proposing an addition meeting the rear yard setback) for property located on 116 Federal Street. Map 62 Parcel 23.

Wilmington Board of Appeals

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium at 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on the Zoning Articles proposed for the Warrant at the Annual Town Meeting to be held April 26, 2003. The Public Hearing will be conducted jointly with the Finance Committee.

The following Zoning Articles will be considered at this Public Hearing.
* To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw and the associated Zoning Map by creating a new Light Industrial/Office District (LI/O), and by rezoning from General Industrial (GI) to Light Industrial/Office (LI/O) the following parcels of land: Map 30 Parcel 13 (One Burlington Avenue - former Sweetheart Plastics site); Map 29 Parcels 1 and 4 (10 Burlington Avenue - former Diamond Crystal site); Map 29 Parcel 11S (613 Main Street - XPEDEX).

* The article amends the classification of industrial uses by establishing a new Section 3.6.4 "Light Industrial" classification; and establishing amended definitions for Section 3.6.5 "Limited Manufacturing" and Section 3.6.6 "General Manufacturing."

Uses allowed by right in the proposed LI/O are agriculture, greenhouse, conservation, recreation, municipal use, educational, religious, philanthropic, public service utility, business and professional office, bank, lodge and club, craft shop and building trade, commercial and trade school, amusement facility, parking facility, warehouse, and light industrial. Limited manufacturing uses are allowed by special permit. General manufacturing uses are not allowed. The standard dimensional regulations are the same as in the General Industrial District.

The industrial classification "Industrial Park" is being deleted as no areas in town are so zoned.

* To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw and the associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington by establishing an Over 55 Housing District. An Over 55 Housing district shall allow housing intended for persons of age fifty-five or over within the meaning of applicable state and federal statutes. The Over 55 Housing District will be established as an overlay district and shall be superimposed on the other districts established by this Bylaw. Boundaries include the following parcel: Map 39 Parcel 5 (Ventile's property - 9 Cross Street).

The Planning Board may authorize an Over 55 Housing development by Special Permit if the development is in accordance with all the provisions of the bylaw and in harmony with the purpose

and intent of the bylaw. Permitted uses are single family dwellings, duplex structures, and multi-family structures. Minimum tract of land is five (5) acres. The maximum density is eight (8) units per acre, excluding all but 25% of wetland and floodplain. The proposed bylaw includes dimensional and parking requirements, an affordable housing density bonus, openspace standards, and design criteria.

* To see if the Town of Wilmington will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington by voting to rezone from Residential 60 (R-60) to Residential 20 (R-20) the parcel of land located at 28 Butters Row and shown as Assessor's Map 27 Parcel 4; or do anything in relation thereto.

* To see if the Town of Wilmington will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington by voting to rezone from Residential 60 (R-60) to Residential 20 (R-20) the parcel of land located at 405 Andover Street and shown as Assessor's Map R3 Parcel 8A; or do anything in relation thereto.

* To see if the Town of Wilmington will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington by voting to rezone from Residential 20 (R-20) to Residential 60 (R-60) to General Industrial (GI) the parcel of land located at 911 Main Street and shown as Assessor's Map 25 Parcel 4; or do anything in relation thereto.

* To see if the Town of Wilmington will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington by voting to rezone from Residential 60 (R-60) to Residential 20 (R-20) the parcel of land located at 282 Shawheen Avenue and shown as Assessor's Map 22 Parcel 3; or do anything in relation thereto.

* To see if the Town of Wilmington will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington by voting to rezone from Residential 60 (R-60) to Residential 20 (R-20) the parcel of land located at 278 Shawheen Avenue and shown as Assessor's Map 22 Parcel 2; or do anything in relation thereto.

* To see if the Town of Wilmington will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington by voting to rezone from Residential 60 (R-60) to Residential 20 (R-20) the parcels of land located on Revere Avenue and shown as Assessor's Map 10 Parcels 23 and 31; or do anything in relation thereto.

* To see if the Town of Wilmington will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by inserting in Section 5.2.8 the following:

Landfill Height Limit. The vertical distance above the mean level of the ground within ten feet of the horizontal limit of a landfill to the top surface of the landfill, including any final landfill cap or covering material, shall not exceed forty feet; or do anything in relation thereto.

Full text and map of zoning amendments may be inspected at the Town Hall, Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
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James Morris, Chair
F26;3175 Conservation Commission

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPERTY REVIEW BOARD
The Wilmington Property Review Board will hold a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Board and Finance Committee on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for the purpose of receiving comments as to the best use of specific parcels of Town-owned land, which are being petitioned and/or proposed by the Town of Wilmington for disposition at the Annual Town Meeting on April 26, 2003. The parcels are as follows:

Plymouth Avenue - Map 40 Parcel 86
John Street - Map 18 Parcel 30
Pitman Street (P) - Map 18 Parcels 34, 35, 36 and 36A
Maps identifying these parcels may be inspected at the Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be accepted until March 18, 2003 and should be directed to Lynn Duncan, Director of Planning & Conservation, at the above address.
Lynn Goonin Duncan,
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Docket No. 03P0478EP1

In the Estate of June M. McGorty Late of Tewksbury

In the County of Middlesex

Date of Death January 6, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION

FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that Maryann Dicegile of Woburn in the County of Middlesex be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on April 1, 2003.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, February 21, 2003.

John R. Buonomo
Register of Probate
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St. John's overtakes Syracuse

Big East

St. John's 24, Syracuse 14
Steve Souza scored 10 points, Gregory Fields earned eight and Sean Keane contributed four for the victors. Joe Rastellini and Evan Butters also knocked down big buckets for the Red Storm.

Tim Woodland scored four points, while Chris Cazeau and James Marra each scored three points for the Orangemen. Aaron Misiph, Ian Sullivan and Dana Ferranti played awesome defense for Syracuse.

Villanova 34, Providence 27
Derek Queen and Mike Murphy scored 12 apiece for the Wildcats while Tyler Whalen added eight important points. Scott Madaglia and Cody White dished out a number of key assists for the victors. David Melkonian knocked down 10 points, Andrew Companschi added six points and Jeff Kannally scored four for the hard working Friars.

Billy Reynolds, Keegan Farnham and Tim Kent played inspired defense for Providence.

Notre Dame 40, Georgetown 25
Connor O'Riordan and Matt Celeste scored 12 apiece while Nick Boutoures added seven vital points for Notre Dame. Mike Kelly and Josh Townsend also contributed big buckets for the Fighting Irish. Brady Detwiler scored seven points, Cameron Shepard added five while Mary Bamberg and Dan Cushing each scored four for the Hoyas' balanced scoring attack.

Eric Murray, Mark Scillari and Matt Bocchino also knocked down baskets for Georgetown.

Boston College 20, Miami 12
Nolan Giroux poured in eight points, Dan McCarthy added five while Caleb Rogers added four and Tom Valente scored three points for the Eagles victory. Larry Harrington and Tyler Valente also dished out a lot of assists for BC.

Michael Wilkinson scored six points, Matt Scillari and Dan MacKinnon scored four apiece for the Canes. Ryan Bemis, Richard Barry and Ryan Malone hustled on defense for Miami.

NBA

Bulls 56, Grizzlies 47
Steve Potchner (13), Shane Simbeck (10) and Andy Otovic (10) scored in double figures for the victors. Pradheep Vemula knocked down eight points including some big buckets down the stretch and Tony Karalekas scored nine clutch points for the Bulls. Chris Marcin explosed for 21 points in a valiant effort while Nick Hogan scored 12 and Tom Miele scored 11 for the gritty Grizzlies. Alex Kittredge and Tim Ryan also dished out some key assists for the Grizzlies.

Cavaliers 51, Knicks 35
Bobby Sinopoli poured in 25 points and Sean Murphy added 11 for the victors. Nick Zappala, Jesse Belding, Steve Shibilia and Dan Tanzella also knocked down big buckets for the Cavs. Jared Nims scored 18 points, Dan Reed added 10 and Jon Chirichiello scored four points for the Knicks. Shaw Fahey, and Matt Olson played a great all around game for the Knicks.

Lakers 38, Celtics 36
Derek Concanon scored 18 points, Mike Fogarty added 10 and Mike Thomas scored seven for the Lakers. Mike Hayes and Derek Stukeby played a solid, complete game for the victors. Tim Kent scored 14 points including four trays, Brendan DeMango scored six points while Josh Mayo and Mike Frizzore each added five points for the hard working Celts. Scott Bransfield, John Tranfaglia and Mike Barry also played inspired defense for the Green.

Wizards 72, Nets 60
Mike Fitzgerald earned 10 points, Mike Lai Ifaello added 11 and Nathan Mercer scored six for the Wizards. Jeff Youngclaus knocked down 25 points while Brian Sullivan, Peter Rastellini and Kyle Nims scored six apiece for the Nets.

Nick Underwood and Dan Evans also played intense defense for the Nets.

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3rd & 4th grade girls
Xavier 22, Rhode Island 7
Lisa Capozzi's hot shooting led Xavier over Rhode Island. Xavier was led in scoring by Lisa Capozzi's 12 points, Caitlin McDonough's six, Casey Brown and Jessica Hanifin's two each. Jenna Whoolley and Hannah Judkins led Xavier on defense.

R.I. was led in scoring by Amanda Keane who scored all seven points for her team. Kristen Ingala and Sarah Luz led R.I. in rebounding.

UMass 29, Fordham 18
Margaret Brown was unstoppable leading UMass over a tough Fordham team. Margaret Brown led all scorers with 27 points and Taylor Hanley added two for UMass. Fordham was led in scoring by Kerri Spry with six points, Kristen Crosby and Courtney See each scored four points and Carly Gillis added two.

St. Joe's 13 G. Washington 7
St. Joe's defense and hustle led them to a big win. St. Joe's was led by Shannon Maggio with seven points, Lauren Cole with four and Katherine Aoki with two.

Ryan Newhouse and Sabrina Mirabella led St. Joe's on defense. G.W. was led in scoring by Meghan Stinson with four points, Stefany Mason with three and Ashley White with two.

LaSalle 28, Temple 5
LaSalle was led in scoring by Kristina Lees' 10 points, Jennifer Garrard's six, Kelly Duffy and Jessica Lees both with four points and Jennifer Stewart and Courtney Collins with two points each. Kelly Cassidy led LaSalle on defense.

Temple was led in scoring by Alyssa

Rossetti with three points and Nikkia Marcin with two.

3rd grade boys
Wisconsin 33, Penn State 4
Wisconsin was led in scoring by Tim McCarthy with 14 points, Trevor Foley and Kyle Peach with six apiece, Dan Collins five and E.J. Boggia added two. Colin McGuire led Wisconsin on defense.

Penn State was led in scoring by Brenton Bockus with four points. Ryan Walsh, Matthew McGrath and Adam Oliver led Penn State on defense.

Illinois 33, Michigan 8
John Parsons rebounding and scoring was too much for Michigan in a big win for Illinois. Jack Mulrenan led Illinois with 12 points, John Parsons scored nine, James Mara six, Steven Reynolds four and Dan Pothier scored two.

Cole Pepper, Tom Broman, Travis Valente and Tyler Canning all scored two points each for Michigan.

Ohio State 17, Purdue 11
Leading scorers for Ohio State were Brian Callahan with nine points, Michael Biondo four, John Thompson and Adam Burke added two apiece. Purdue was led in scoring by Jacob Russo and Matthew Costello who each scored four points, Dan D'Arcangelo two and Adam Ditocco added a singleton.

Joe Anderson, Kelly Carter and Kevin Burke led Purdue on defense.

Michigan State 26, Indiana 10
Michigan State was led in scoring by Nathan Grimley's 13 points, Kyle Albanese with 12 points and Zach Anderson added one. Matt Palermo led Michigan State in rebounding.

Indiana was led in scoring by Nicholas Cirame with four points, Brian Gonzalez and Jeff Hill had two points each and Dave Rygiel and Eddie Loud each scored one.

WNBA

Rockers vs Mercury
Despite the great coaching and hustle the Mercury showed throughout the game, the Rockers pulled off the win with a score of 33-29. Leading the offense for the Rockers was Ashley Vitale with 13 points, while teammate Brienne Bozzella added 10. Samantha Souza of the Rockers also contributed to the win scoring six points.

For the Mercury, Alicia Murray led the attack with 10 points while Jen Comer netted six. Casey Godzyk added four and Lauren Frissore had two. Throughout the game, both teams showed intense hustle.

Monarchs vs Comets

The Monarchs defeated the Comets 42-45 led by Jen Comer with 18 points. Stephanie Sauve, Jessica Harrington, Deirdre Carroll and Jessica Stira each chipped in with six points apiece. Defensive standouts were Jessica Stira and Jessica Harrington.

For the Comets, Christa Cavallaro led the offensive attack scoring eight points while teammates Ashley Poirier and Kayla Frasier each added seven. Alana Brush was once again a defensive threat as she came up big, showing great hustle at both ends of the court for the Comets.

Fire vs Liberty

The Fire came out ready to play as they handed Liberty a 21-14 loss. Although the Liberty played intense defense, it was not enough to shut down the Fire. Lauren Hitchins led the scoring for the Fire knocking down eight points, while Casey Otovic and Katie Arsenault each had three and Taylor Duffy had four.

Stephanie Lancione, Kayla Malone and Michele Catania all contributed to the win coming up big in the backcourt causing many turnovers and gaining many steals.

For the Liberty, Kim Silvia had an overall great game as she scored nine points and pulled down a few key rebounds. Other players who scored for the Liberty were Deirdre Carroll, Danielle Bamberg, and Courtney Parsons.

Sparks vs Sting
Jill Manganelli and Katelyn Sullivan led the Sparks to victory as they each chipped in with eight points and Nicole Nihan added six. Gabrielle Havray led the defense as she came up big pulling down some key rebounds.

For the Stings, Amanda Miles was on fire as she netted nine points and 12 offensive rebounds. Erin Magee added four points to help the team, but despite the intense hustle by the Sting, the Sparks pulled off the win 25-17.

PAC 10

Washington vs Wash. State
Washington came out ready to play as they defeated Washington State 26-19 in a very close game. Colleen Kennedy had one of her best games yet this season as she scored 12 points and led her team to victory. Stephanie Benson also had a great game as she put eight points in the net. For Washington State, Christine Woods and Megan McCool led the way as they each netted six points.

Defensive standouts for this game were Devon Waite of Washington State and Kaileigh Bernardo of Washington.

USC vs Oregon

In one of the closest games USC has had this season, they defeated Oregon by a score of 17-10. The undefeated USC team was led in scoring by Stephanie Woods who scored nine points and pulled down more than half of the team's rebounds.

Kayla Godding and Ali Lyman accounted for the other eight points as they each scored four. For Oregon, Brittany Schuh and Jennifer Carroll led the offense each scoring four points while Lorraine Simoneau added two. Amy Fahey controlled the tempo of the game as she played great defense while Kelsey Sullivan and Briana Parrow led the defense for USC.

California vs Arizona

California defeated Arizona by one point with the score 21-20. In the closest game of the afternoon, Nicole Bockus scored the winning basket with just minutes left to play. Bockus scored seven points in total while Michele White, Hillary Mahoney, and Laurel Pickett each had four points.

Leigha Carroll and Vanessa Domond each had two points. For Arizona, the scoring was pretty even as Allison Bleir and Amanda Church had four, Jacquelyn Zembra had three and Elizabeth Chin, Brittany Smith, Chelsie Babcock, and Julie Braid each had two.

Arizona State vs Stanford

Allison Robbins played a great overall game for Arizona State and her defense proved to be the difference between winning and losing. Arizona pulled off the win over Stanford with a score of 17-14. Allison (three points) played great defense throughout the game and showed her skills dribbling, while Maureen Worthington was the offensive standout.

Maureen scored 10 points and led her team to victory while Kimberly Evans added four. For Stanford, Randi Davis had an outstanding game as she netted six points and played great defense coming up with key steals. Aubrey Ungvarsky and Stephani Warnick each added four for Stanford.

Oregon State vs UCLA

Oregon State edged out the win over the very talented UCLA team with a score of 13-12. For Oregon, the scoring was spread out among teammates Lisa Rooker with four points, Ryan Mary Giroux, also with four, Sarah Brule with two and Kayla D'Arcangelo with three.

Charlotte Jensen played great defense as did teammate Kayla Davidson. For UCLA, Danielle Polcari scored eight points while Jessica Burke and Kasey Stokes each added two. Samantha Palermo and Ashley Gonzalez both played great overall games for UCLA.

Squirt A's meet up with Wakefield

On Tuesday February 18th the Wilmington Squirt A Wildcats took on the Wakefield Squirt A team at Hockeytown in Saugus in Dual State action. Wakefield with an undefeated record of 8-0 in lower league play were recently moved up into the same division as Wilmington.

The first period started with Wakefield storming the Wilmington end which is becoming a familiar trend. Wilmington goalie Tyler Stillings came up big with numerous quality saves keeping Wilmington in the game. Late in the first period Wilmington scored on one of their first shots of the game. Bret Kidik scored on a rebound goal off of Danny Cushing's blast with Patrick Boudreau picking up the other assist giving Wilmington a precarious 1-0 lead after one period.

The second period continued with Wakefield pressing the play. The Wilmington defense of Brian Hurley, Chris Robertson, Kevin Barry and Danny Cushing attempted to keep the Wakefield forwards away from their net but with under a minute to play in the second period Wakefield's Nick Haley scored two quick goals giving Wakefield the lead 2-1 after two periods.

Early in the third period Wakefield's Nick Haley showed why he is one of the top scorers in Dual State when he found twine again registering a Natural Hat Trick and more importantly giving Wakefield a convincing 3-1 lead. Shortly after the Wakefield goal Wilmington forwards Kyle

Mite B's continue busy schedule

The Wilmington Firefighters Union sponsored Mite B team faced off in a Dual State contest Sunday morning at the Igloo in Saugus, Hockeytown. The opponent this day was seventh place Stoneham.

The Wildcats had almost a full squad, a surprising fact considering the 24 hour bug going around. The missing player, little Brendan McD. Coach Bob gathered the troops and the pre game pep talk centered around...is there a pattern forming here? Yes you guessed it, "Let's win one for Brendan!"

The Cats hit the ice rearing to go. Brendan Healy was in net today after a great practice Saturday morning in which one parent noted, "He looks like a natural". The undermanned Stoneham squad came out strong battling with the Wilmington defensive unit of Andrew Camillieri, Chris Piscatelli, Alex Harrington and the Tylers, Trites and Maffei. Finally wearing them down for a 1-0 lead after period one.

The Cats tied it in the second when the young line of Dan Luise, Jay Rossetti and Zach Blanch broke out of the Wilmington zone. Zack streaked down the right side using Jay as a decoy and put one in to make it 1-1. Stoneham came right back with two quick goals to make it 3-1 after two periods.

The third saw relentless pressure by the first line of Nolan Gaffey, Ryan Kennedy and Conor Ryan. With two minutes left in the game, the third line came to life. Eric Masielo, Killian Smith and Matt Curran were making the Stoneham head spin as they mauled them in front of their net with Killian banging one home assisted by Eric. It was now 3-2, but not quite enough time for the Cats as time ran out.



THE WILMINGTON SQUIRT C'S GATHER TOGETHER after a busy week of play this past week. (courtesy photo).

Pee Wee C's face a pair of top teams

The Wilmington Pee Wee C's faced the top two teams in the Red East Division of the Valley League this week when 1st place Billerica and 2nd place Methuen visited the Ristuccia Center to take on the Wildcats.

Wilmington 6, Methuen 2
Schools may have been closed last week for the annual February vacation but there was no shutdown for the Valley League and many teams were forced to play shorthanded due to family vacations plans. The Wilmington Pee Wee C's and the Methuen B team were two of those teams that played without several regulars in their lineup when they met up Thursday morning at the Ristuccia Center. The Wildcats, propelled by Phil D'Arcangelo's hat trick and two goals and an assist from Alan-Michael Santos, bested the Rang-

ers by a score of 6-2.

With Methuen up 1-0 in the 1st period, Wilmington tied it up at 1:47 on D'Arcangelo's first goal. The Wildcats took the lead on Santos' first goal at 6:10 of the 2nd period. Kevin Carter assisted on the play. Early in the 3rd period Wilmington went up 3-1 when Carter set up D'Arcangelo's second goal. At 8:15 of the period, Chris Thibault scored to make it 4-1. Assists went to Ryan Kennedy and Charles Barbaro. Methuen cut the lead in half when they scored at 6:25 but that was as close as they would get. At 5:01 D'Arcangelo completed his hat trick with a helper from Santos and then Santos scored his second goal, unassisted with only twenty-nine seconds left in the game.

Billerica 3, Wilmington 1
Saturday night's Valley League encounter between Wilmington and Billerica was their sixth meeting of the year and unless they meet up in the playoffs of either the Dual State or Valley League, this was their final scheduled matchup. Although defeating 1st place Billerica earlier this season, that news can only be a relief to the Wildcats as they fell for the fifth time to the Indians by a score of 3-1. Playing very well of late, Wilmington has only lost three regular season games since Dec. 28, 2002 and all three have been to Billerica.

Billerica has a very good goaltender but after the 1st period Wilmington had very few shots on net and weren't able to challenge him. Also, Billerica's top scorer, Chris Culot once again seemed unstoppable as he was credited with all three Billerica scores. Play was rough on both sides but although Billerica took the majority of the penalties, Wilmington was unable to get their powerplay in gear to take advantage of it.

Zach Rosa made several good stops in the 1st period. In one instance he skated out about fifteen feet to grab a loose puck away from an onrushing Billerica forward.

Later he alertly kept his eyes on the puck with a crowd surrounding him and covered up. The Indians got on the board first at 4:28 when the center won the face-off and passed across to Culot in front, who fired it home.

With thirty-four seconds remaining in the period Culot moved down the

Mite B's stay strong on skates

The Wilmington Firefighter sponsored Mite B team had three game in a five day stretch that started on Wednesday February 19th at the Ristuccia Center against Beverly.

Wilmington started strong and took the lead as Brendan McDonough scored on a breakaway to make it 1-0. The defensive line of Chris Piscatelli, Nolan Gaffey and Killian Smith did a great job of keeping the puck out of the Wilmington zone. Today's goalie Ryan Kennedy was making some amazing saves to make the lead hold up through the first period.

The rest of the game proved to be quite different as Beverly went on a rampage, scoring eight, no that's not a typo, eight unanswered goals to send the Cats back to the dressing room with an 8-1 defeat.

Saturday morning the boys came out strong against Newburyport. Andrew Camillieri was in goal today and was ready to play a great game. The Defensive unit of Zach Blanch, Ryan Kennedy, Tyler Maffei and Eric Masielo worked together to keep the puck away from Andrew. Alex Harrington put our boys on top with an unassisted goal to make it 1-0 after period one.

Newburyport tied it early in the second period, but Wilmington was not going to let this one get away. The line of Alex, Tyler Trites and Matt Curran put some relentless pressure on the Newburyport net with Alex finally knocking one in with an assist going to Tyler.

A few seconds into period three, Brendan McDonough would put us up 3-1 with an unassisted goal. The rest of the third period was a back and forth battle. Newburyport pulled their goalie with one minute remaining in the game to the disgust of Coach Bob. The Cats capitalized on this when Matt Curran put one in the empty net to give us a final score of 4-1.

The final game of this torrid stretch was an early game Sunday in Everett against a tough Nashoba team just moved up to our division in the Dual

right side, holding his shot. Another player interfered with defenseman Charles Barbaro in front and both went down as Culot fired. The wide shot deflected off the forward on the ice and past Rosa but was credited to Culot. Wilmington did have their chances in the period but just weren't able to finish off the plays. Shots seemed to go wide, passes didn't connect, and the level of skating seemed to fluctuate from one shift to another.

Shortly after Wilmington killed off a penalty early in the 2nd period, Culot skated in again and fired a high hard shot into the net for his hat trick and gave Billerica a 3-0 lead. Although down, Wilmington was still involved in several nice plays. Steve Wamboldt broke away from a check and streaked in but a great save by the Indian netminder stopped him.

The defensemen were kept busy all night as Barbaro, Jared Hayes, Brendan Foley, and Paul Martel all took turns breaking up plays and taking the body in open ice to stop rushing forwards. In one shift Hayes and Foley both took the body just inside the blue line to break up plays. Chris Thibault and Stephano Santini both got back to aid the defense with checks and steals. Whenever the line of Jon See, Ryan Kennedy, and Dom McCann took the ice they skated hard and forechecked deep, trying to create some much needed offense.

The line that finally got Wilmington on the board was the Phil D'Arcangelo, Kevin Carter, Alan-Michael Santos line. Late in the 3rd period, Billerica had just killed off another penalty when Foley took control of the puck and got it up to Santos. Santos passed up to D'Arcangelo, who moved in with Carter. Carter didn't waste any time after he got the pass from D'Arcangelo and he fired it past the goaltender to make the score 3-1. Billerica took yet another penalty with 1:30 to play and Wilmington had their opportunity to make a game of it but the legs just didn't seem to be there and the Indians held on to take another game from the Wildcats.

The Pee Wee C's, sponsored by Brother's Pizza, will head up to the frigid Ice Hut in Dracut to take on the Salem Saints in Dual State action on Saturday and then return to the Ristuccia Center Sunday night to face S&S in a Valley League game.

State League. Tyler Maffei would get the call in net today and would get better with every minute on the ice.

After a scoreless first period, Brendan McDonough took a nice pass from Danno Luise and put the Cats on top 1-0. Then the roof caved in. Four unanswered goals and our boys in blue were down 4-1 after two periods.

The Cats stormed out for period three. The line of Brendan, Dan and Jay Rossetti would get the Cats on the board quick as Brendan put one in assisted by Dan. Seconds later Ryan Kennedy lit the lamp again, scoring unassisted to put the Wilmington-fan on their feet again. Brendan Healy and Conor Ryan were keeping the puck out of their zone and feeding the forwards some nice passes.

The Brendan and Dan show continued as Brendan tied the game at 4-4 assisted by his best man, Dan, again. It was a short lived lead as Nashoba scored seconds later to take not only the lead but the momentum away from the Wildcats.

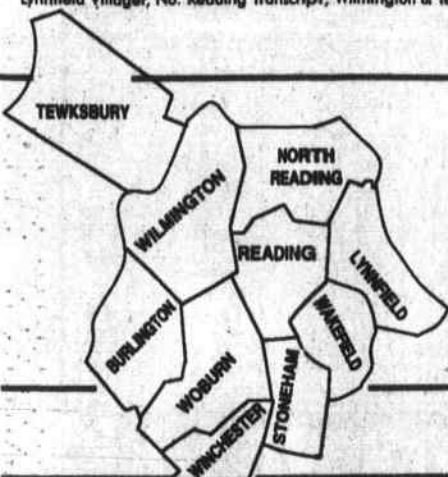
With time winding down, Eric Masielo put the puck on; yes you guessed it, Brendan's stick. He flew down the left side and fired in number four on the bench :01 left on the clock as the bench erupted in cheers capping an exciting weekend.

Youth hockey sign-ups

Registration for the 2003-2004 youth hockey season will take place March 2 and March 9. It will be held at the Fourth of July Headquarters from 10 a.m. to noon on both Sundays.

Failure to register by March 9 will result in a \$50 late registration fee. A \$300.00 fee is required at the time of registration. The registration fee for each additional family member is \$150.

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Maureen Brennan

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

Stoneham resident Maureen Brennan has been in many spotlights in her life as an accomplished singer, actress and Tony Award nominee and now she will bring the spotlight of a world premiere production to her hometown of Stoneham.

Brennan will be debuting her own production of "Sunrise, Sunset: The Songs of Sheldon Harnick" at the Stoneham Theatre on March 7 and the famed songwriter will be in town for the opening night.

"The show is a retrospective of Harnick's work, although he is still working," Brennan said in a recent interview.

Harnick is most popularly known for the songs he wrote for "Fiddler on the Roof," "Fiorello," and "The Apple Tree," as well as several movie themes and cabaret performance pieces.

"Sheldon's material is easy to act," Brennan said of her friend, "some of it is hysterical."

For his part, Harnick is very happy to have Brennan and her

director, Michael Alosso presenting his music in this type of venue.

"I was very flattered when I heard about the show," Harnick said. "I think she is an unusually gifted woman."

"I got more excited when I learned her director would be Michael Alosso."

The journey from the conception of the show to its opening performance has been a very interesting one. Brennan and Alosso have known each other for several years and have been searching for a show they could work on together.

Before they met, Brennan, who lived in New York studied under the same voice teacher, Laura Thomas, as Harnick and met the writer through their teacher. The pair has stayed in contact since then and Brennan has worked with Harnick performing his music at the Lyrics and Lyricists in New York.

In the meantime, Alosso had directed and choreographed a production of "Fiorello" at Brandeis University. Harnick came to see the production and praised it as being the "best Fiorello since Broadway."

Once Brennan and Alosso settled on Harnick's lyrics as the theme for their show, they presented the lyricist with two possible scenarios and the one Harnick approved will be seen for the first time by the public on March 7.

The presentations will include songs Harnick has written with Jerry Bock, David Baker and Richard Rogers, as well as some new pieces that have not been performed before. Although the show is a

presentation of his songs Harnick will see it for the first time at the opening night and it will be the first time he finds out what songs have been picked for the show.

He explained that he approved the project but wanted to be surprised when he saw the performance.

Brennan was particularly happy that she has received permission from Charlotte Rae to perform a piece that Harnick had sold to the singer, "The Ballad of the Shape of Things," which Rae has performed in cabarets and recorded.

Brennan and Alosso have been working on the project since shortly after September 11, 2001.

"We had to decide how to treat it," Brennan said, "and came up with two different styles. Sheldon liked the one that will be presented, which is a review."

Aside from Broadway, Harnick has also written music for Hollywood and his songs can be heard in "Heartbreak Kid" and "Blame It On Rio," among others.

According to Brennan, the shows title came from Harnick's most famous song, "Sunrise, Sunset" from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Harnick was asked what the inspiration for the song lyrics were and said, "I write for Broadway shows and the inspiration for almost all of the songs come from the characters. It allows me to write songs that mean something to me."

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ANTHONY MANCONI

Woodchips salutes, "ROTARIANS" who are dedicated to the HUMANITARIAN task of ERADICATING POLIO in the world.

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ROGER MOORE SR. told me, "Chipper, if you are NOT

THE "LEAD DOG" in a dog sled race, THE SCENERY NEVER CHANGES..."

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I walked into my favorite "Thirst Parlor" and found TONY STACK HISSING AND MOANING in his beer. "Why so sad Tony" I asked. "MY WIFE DOESN'T APPRECIATE ME, DOES YOURS?" "I don't know," I replied, "I NEVER HEARD HER MENTION YOUR NAME..."

The DOCTOR called BLACKIE VEGA UP AND SAID, "YOUR 'CHECK' BOUNCED BACK." "SO WHAT?" Blackie said, "so did my ARTHRITIS!"...

MY AUNT NORA won't tell anyone her age but at a recent BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR HER, the CANDLES cost more than the CAKE.

At my BIRTHDAY PARTY, my relatives and friends sang, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU. YOU BELONG IN A ZOO. YOU LOOK LIKE A MONKEY AND YOU WRITE LIKE ONE TOO..."

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From S-1

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MISSY PALLADINO SAID, "A COMPUTER IS SUPPOSED TO REPLACE 12 MEN. To tell the truth I'd rather have the 12 MEN IN THE OFFICE."

Dick Haggerty said, "CHIPPER BUY A COMPUTER, it has all the answers." "I don't need a computer for that." I told Dick, "I have Kathy who knows the answer before I ask a question." ...

Mark Twain said, "we can't all be heros - some of us have to stand on the curb and salute as they go marching by." ...

I'm a Townie. For those who are from outer space, a Townie is a person who was born in Charlestown and no matter

where he or she moves to - he or she is forever a Townie. So I wonder: if anyone remembers Eddie O'Hara from Solley street in Charlestown? Well, he worked for the Boston and Maine Railroad when they had Steam Locomotives. Almost everyone in Charlestown had a nickname. Eddie's was, "Choo Choo O'Hara." His telephone number was, 242-2222.

In those days you would tell the telephone operator the number you wanted and she would connect you - so - I told her, I would like to talk to, Choo, Choo O'Hara his number is, 242-2222. "Look here Sonny," she said, "if you want to play trains go to the North Station!" ...

Folks. Charity begins at

home - BUT, it shouldn't end there...

Many a man has fallen in love with a girl in a light so dim, he wouldn't have chosen a suit by it...

When George Gould's daughter Marion was being christened, Father Messina said to George, "Baptismal is a serious, important sacrament, are you prepared for it?" "Oh yes Father, my wife ordered several platters of pastries from, O'Sullivan's Bakery." "I don't mean that!" Father Messina exclaimed "I mean are you prepared spiritually?" "Oh indeed I am, I have four, cases of the best beer, and three quarts of J.J. Jamison Irish whiskey..."

March 7 - 8

"Sunrise, Sunset"

Lyricist, Sheldon Harnick, is the subject of a new musical review *Sunrise, Sunset* - The Songs of Sheldon Harnick by award-winning director, Michael Allosso and Tony nominated actress, Maureen Brennan that makes its world debut at Stoneham Theatre March 7-8. Lyricist of *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Fiorello* and *She Loves Me*, Mr. Harnick will attend the opening night performance.

Conceived by Allosso and Bennan in collaboration with Mr. Harnick, the revue includes early cabaret pieces, record-breaking masterpieces with composer Jerry Boch, his recent dramatic songs from *Rex and Dragons*, and songs from the film *Blame it On Rio*.

Mr. Harnick received 10 Tony Awards for the lyrics to *Fiddler on the Roof*, and songs from the film *Blame it On Rio*.

Harnick attended a production of *Fiorello* at Brandeis University that was directed and choreographed by Allosso. The lyricist praised Allosso for "the best *Fiorello* since Broadway" and subsequently

agreed to collaborate on the revue. (Harnick was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for the lyrics to *Fiorello*, a musical about New York City Mayor LaGuardia.)

Tickets to *Sunrise Sunset* - The Songs of Sheldon Harnick are \$25-35 (student/senior/group discounts) and may be purchased by calling the box office at (781) 279-2200. Stoneham Theatre is located at 395 Main St., Stoneham.

Piano recital on March 3

The Winchester Community Music School will present a recital by faculty member Olga Talroze, piano, assisted by Agnieszka Dziubak, cello. The program to include works by Beethoven, Brahms, Shostakovich and de Falla will be held on Monday March 3 at 7 p.m.

The event will be held at the Nichols Performance Hall at Winchester Community Music School, 406 Highland Ave. Winchester. Call 781-721-2950 for more information.



There are seven differences in the second picture. Can you spot them?
ANSWERS: TIE, HAND, NOSE, DRESS, WINDOW, HAIR, LAPEL.

"Playing with Fabrics: Art Quilts" on display

"Playing With Fabric: Art Quilts" by award-winning North Reading resident Elizabeth Chamberlain Habich will be on display in the Flint Memorial Library atrium from March 1 through March 31.

Part of the new wave of art quilts that has emerged over the last 25 years, Habich's quilts range from playful to deeply serious-sometimes both at the same time. Her subjects include flowers and cats, September 11, chickens and literary criticism, loss and the nature of memory, and the journey into the Eastcoast Quilters' Alliance and Northeast Quilters Association shows and have won ribbons there and at the Vermont Quilt Festival and the Rising Star Quilters' annual shows.

On Saturday, March 8, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., join Elizabeth

Habich in the library Activity Room for gallery talk, where she will discuss the design and construction of each quilt. In the afternoon, she will discuss the design and construction of each quilt. In the afternoon, she will demonstrate several of the techniques used in her quilts designed to answer the question, "How does she do that?"

1:30 p.m.: Transforming a Photograph into a Quilt
2:30 p.m.: Fusible Applique
3:30 p.m.: Free-Motion Machine Quilting
No pre-registration is required. The events are free and open to the public. The Flint Memorial Library is located at 147 Park Street, North Reading, MA. Call (978) 664-4942 for further information.

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About the Towns *by Phyllis Nissen*

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Land sales in Reading

"Members of the Community Planning and Development Commission heard updates from Town Planner Chris Reilly on three separate land issues - Meadow Brook golf course, Gaels Chase and Longwood Poultry Farm," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Representatives of Meadow Brook golf course are looking to swap land with the town in order to expand their nine hole course to 18."

"The two parcels of land are about seven acres each. Reilly said he participated in a recent site walk of both parcels and told the commissioners that it was 'ambiguous as to where the borders are.'"

Area students on Dean's List at Syracuse

The following area students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2002 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

The College of Arts and Sciences, a liberal arts college at the heart of a national research university, is both the founding college and the largest college of Syracuse University.

The college offers more than 40 majors from 22 academic departments in the traditional disciplines of the humanities, sciences and the social sciences. Students from throughout the University register for its arts core courses, while Arts and Sciences students take advantage of programs in the professional schools and colleges at Syracuse.

• Elizabeth D'Amato of Lynfield. She is a senior majoring in policy studies.

• Andrew Schenkel of Lynfield. He is a freshman majoring in arts and sciences.

"The land Meadow Brook wants to trade 'is a certified wetland,' said Reilly."

"The land Meadow Brook wants to receive in return is in an upland area that has a lot of trees. 'They seem to have a plan with minimal effect [to the trees],' said Reilly...."

Win-Winning situation in Woburn

"More than a year after it was initially submitted, a proposal for 147 townhouse units at Winning Farm received a special permit from the City Council," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The vote was 8-0 (Ward 4 Alderman William Booker missed the meeting), with little discussion. The council added one more condition - a landscaping screen near a retention pond at the property line closest to Canterbury Road - to 12 recommended by its Special Permits Committee."

"This has been a long process for the West Side. We're going to get 30 acres of open space, 70 percent of which is dry," said Ward 7 Alderman Stephen Braese. "Hopefully, when this is all done, the issue of the landfill mystery will be solved once and for all."

"It's a win-win for everybody involved," added Braese, whose district includes most of West Woburn.

"The project still requires wetlands approval, both from the state Department of Environmental Protection and the city's Conservation Commission, before shovels go into the ground. The vote by the City Council, however, represented a major step forward for Winning Home, Inc., the trust that has a pending purchase-and-sale agreement with Burlington developers Robert Murray and Gary Ruping, who are proposing the 'Village at Winning Farm' townhouse development."

"We thank the Woburn City Council for their

approval and thoughtful deliberation on this issue," said Albert Curran Jr., of Winning Home. The development partners of Winning Home are anxious to finally begin the process of clearing the property and creating housing and park space for the benefit of Woburn."

Finest of the finest in Tewksbury

"The Board of Selectmen made two local families very happy by appointing two of the town's finest to the rank of sergeant at the Tewksbury Police Department," notes the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

"K9 Officer Tim Kelley and Detective Mark Perry had each taken the sergeant's exam two years ago last October. They had each been serving as sergeants on a temporary basis, and, owing to a couple

of recently vacated spots, the selectmen were able to reward their hard work and faithful service."

"The appointments became effective as of January 1, 2003."

"Sergeant Tim Kelley is a six-year veteran of the Tewksbury Police Force. He is married with two children."

"Sergeant Mark Perry is a 14-year veteran of the Tewksbury Police Force and is also married."

"Deputy Chief Al Donovan is proud of both men and described them as 'outstanding selections' for the appointments."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city or town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT LEARY, residents of Burlington for the past 45 years, recently celebrated 60 years of marriage at a "surprise" dinner party given by their three children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren at the Hartwell House in Lexington. Over sixty-five family members and friends attended and joined together to congratulate the happy couple. In addition to good health, Bob and Alice continue to enjoy family gatherings, vacations in Kennebunkport, trips to New Hampshire and dining-out at their favorite restaurants. (Courtesy photo)

Basic Hunter Education course in Tewksbury

The Mass. Hunter Education Program is conducting a Basic Hunter Education course at the Tewksbury Rod and Gun Club, 79 Chandler Street, Tewksbury, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10 from 7-9:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call 508-792-7434.

Successful completion of this course fulfills the requirements established by Mass. General Law to make application for a Class A or B License to Carry Firearms, or a Firearms Identification Card.

Students must attend every session. Adults, as well as

younger men and women, are encouraged to attend. A Mass. Hunter Ed. Certificate is provided to course graduates 15 years or older. Students, ages 10-14 may participate and receive a "Letter of Completion" to meet out of state licensing requirements. Parental permission is required of all students under 18 years of age.

For additional information on courses, write Hunter Education, P.O. Box 408, Westminster, Ma. 01453-0408 or call 508-792-7434, 978-632-7648, 617-727-3623. www.mass-wildlife.org.

Nursing scholarships

WINCHESTER - The Middlesex East District Medical Society Alliance is offering scholarships to nursing students entering or attending an accredited nursing program. Applicants must be residents of the district.

The Middlesex East District Medical Society Alliance is a group interested in community service and health education. Since 1950, they have been awarding nursing scholarships and are pleased to carry on the tradition this year. The group will be awarding four \$500 dollar scholarships.

Students accepted by or attending an accredited nursing program are eligible.

Applicants must be residents of Burlington, Lynnfield, Melrose, Reading, North Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester or Woburn. Awards will be based on a combination of academic achievement, community service and financial need.

Applications may be obtained from any of the high schools in the towns listed above or from Sarah McKeough smckeough@aol.com or (781) 368-9088. The deadline for the application is April 11.

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Brennan

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Brennan wrote in a promotional piece for the show, "I have been an admirer of Sheldon's songs ever since I heard Fiddler on the Roof. However, it was when I was cast in a production of 'She Loves Me' that I became a fan."

"The lyrics are so specific to each character and therefore helpful in defining them."

"I love the different aspects he brings to his lyrics. There is humor, pathos, passion, elation, and despair. They are full."

Brennan graduated from the University of Cincinnati - Music Theater Program and immediately snagged a role on Broadway as Cunegonde in Leonard Bernstein's "Candide." Although she did not win, her first time professional effort resulted in a Tony Award nomination.

She has since then appeared in the Broadway and Off-Broadway productions of "Going Up", "Knickerbocker Holiday", "Little Johnny Jones", "Stardust", and "Shakespeare's Cabaret". Brennan has also appeared with Minnesota Orchestra Pops, Boston Pops, Philly Pops, and several symphony orchestras throughout the country.

Brennan can also be heard on the soundtrack recordings of Disney's animated film classics - "Beauty and the Beast", "Aladdin", "The Hunchback of

Notre Dame."

Presently she teaches Musical Theater at the Boston Conservatory of Music. Her focus is on acting techniques and legitimate singing (singing for theater).

In May, Brennan will be appearing in "Bel Canto" being presented at Boston's Wheelock College by the Theater Offensive. She was introduced to the project last summer during a workshop at the Sundance film Festival.

The Sundance experience was an exciting one for Brennan. She performed works for new playwrights and authors that were being judged by their peers.

The pressure was on because everyone that was there was a brilliant, author, actor, critic, or director," Brennan said.

Harnick started his career writing music and lyrics, but received good advice from Jay Gorney who told him that there were more good composers than lyricists and that people were always looking for a good lyricist.

The actor, Jack Cassidy, introduced Harnick to Bock and the Harnick/Bock era commenced in 1958. Their most famous musical, Fiddler on the

Roof, ran for over 3,242 performances and has enjoyed many revivals and a successful movie version. Fiorello ran for 795 performances.

Bock, has not been a part of this production, but has given his permission for his music to be used.

Also appearing in Sunrise, Sunset: The Songs of Sheldon Harnick are Matt Ramsey (Blue man group and "Marty") Tom Douglas (Improv Asylum and Marty at the Huntington). Tim Evans (I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change at the Stuart Street Theater) is the music director and the orchestra is conducted by Neil Grover. Brennan's husband and owner of Grover Percussion in Woburn.

For ticket information call the Stoneham Theater at (781) 279-2200.

Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

SPORTS SHORTS

MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA QUESTION: Who played basketball for the Celtics, and pitched for the Braves, Phillies and Red Sox? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

The New England Colonials International Basketball Club has selected **WOBURN'S GREG COLARUSSO** to take part in its April tour to Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland

and England. The Colonials' 2003 Celtic Tour continues the team's 14-year association with Northern Ireland and support for the ongoing peace process. Greg is an eighth grader at the Joyce Middle School. He is the son of Tony and Denise Colarusso. He will be joined on the team by 10 student athletes from six New England cities and towns. As on all Colonials' tours, Greg and his teammates will be hosted by the families of their basketball peers at each stop on the tour. In Scotland, the team will be hosted by the St. Mirren Basketball Club for a two-day tournament. The team will cross the Irish Sea to Belfast for three days at St. Malachy's College before heading on to Dublin. St. Vincent's, one of Ireland's top basketball clubs, will provide hosting and games in Dublin. The London Towers Basketball Club will provide the competition in England's capital.

THE BURLINGTON ICE PALACE, conveniently located at 36 Ray Avenue in Burlington, is currently offering daily Public Skating time six days a week. From Monday through Friday, public skating is held from 10:30 am to 12 pm, followed by Stick Practice from 12-1:15 p.m. Weekend sessions are offered from 3:30-4:30 pm on Saturday and on Sunday, from 3:20-4:20 pm throughout the month of December. Call 781-272-9517 for more details.

Need some help on this week's trivia question? The man's initials are G.C.

BURLINGTON'S MIKE MCHUGH, a 2002 graduate of Arlington Catholic, is a 6'1", 215 lbs solid freshman defenseman for the Suffolk University men's ice hockey team.

READING'S STEVE SAVIANO had an assist on a goal for the University of New Hampshire by Nathan Martz in a 6-1 win over Merrimack College.

THE COLONIAL ADULT MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM is recruiting for new members for the 2003 season. The team, comprised of skaters from four New England states, has in its two competitive seasons qualified for and been finalists at the National Synchronized Skating Championships. Skaters must be age 25 or older, with good command of edges, turns, and stops and be current USFSA or ISU members at the time of tryout. For more information call 978-263-3450.

WOBURN'S COLLEEN SANBORN is third the Middlesex League in girls ice hockey scoring, with 42 goals and 12 assists for 54 points. Right behind her are **SAMANTHA RUSH** (58 points) and **LEE-JAY MIRASOLO** (48 points), who both play for Wakefield High.

In the Bay State Hockey, 29th Annual Snowflake Tournament, **WAKEFIELD** edged **BURLINGTON** 2-0 in a shootout to take the Peewee A Division Championship game. At the Peewee C level, **WINCHESTER** edged **Pembroke** 6-1 to take home that championship.

The **RED HEAT** is looking for experienced softball players to participate in a 15 game schedule on Sunday's at Strike One in Danvers through March of 2003. Players should be between the ages of 15 and 18. For additional information call David at 781-246-0098.

ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: The player's name is Gene Conley.

DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, MA 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-944-0884.

Annual Stamp Show

The Samuel Osgood Stamp Club will sponsor its annual show and exhibition on Saturday, March 8 in Lawrence. Hours will be 9 to 4 and admission and parking are free.

There will be a USPS Philatelic Sales Unit, a United Nations Postal Administration Sales Unit and 24 dealer tables.

Also featured will be door prizes, a youth table and a philatelic "Chance Board."

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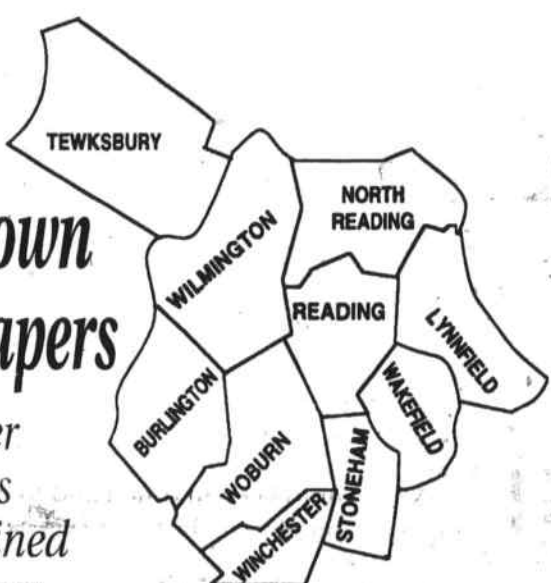
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SOPEX 2003 will be held at BPOE Elks Lodge, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence. Take exit 24 (River Road) off I 93 and proceed easterly toward Lawrence. River Road becomes Andover Street at the Andover/Lawrence line. Elks Hall is on the left at the town line.

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The free evening is Friday March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Woburn Library, 45 Pleasant St., presented by the Friends of the Library. Followed by coffee and desserts, chat with the author. Handicapped accessible. For information call 781-938-0148.

HAM AND BEAN SUPPER SATURDAY

A traditional Ham and Bean Supper will be held this Saturday, March 1, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 283 Park St., North Reading.

Mount Carmel Chapter, No. 230, Order of the Eastern Star sponsors these monthly suppers.

Come join with neighbors and friends for a variety of home baked beans, homemade codle slaw, ham, hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, assorted breads and beverages, and dessert.

The Masonic Hall is handicapped accessible. For further information call Sally Putney 978-664-3594.

SOFTBALL UMPIRE CLINIC IN MELROSE

The Metro Boston Amateur Softball Assn. will be conducting free clinics for individuals interested in becoming umpires for the 2003 softball season.

Umpires will officiate youth and adult recreational leagues in their surrounding cities and towns. For more information call 781-665-9745 or visit www.asaboston.com.

This free clinic will be held

at the Melrose, Elks, Myrtle St., on Wednesdays March 5, 12 and 19.

JOHN REARDON IN STONEHAM

John Reardon, well known author of "All Star Dads," and "Diamonds Will Sparkle," will be at the Hood School in Stoneham on Wednesday, March 26 from 9:15 to 11:00 to present a continuation of last year's program, "Raising Children and Having Fun," a parenting program using common sense and traditional wisdom.

John will build on last year's program by asking questions and encouraging parent participation. Topics that will be covered include: responsibility and self discipline; power conflicts; morning and night conflicts; home work conflicts; sibling rivalry; riding in the car conflicts; making friends; how to say no; how to reduce parent stress; sports and recreation time conflicts; children having time to be children; listening skills; delayed consequences; to name a few.

This program, sponsored by the Hood School Council and Parents Association, is being offered free of charge.

LA LECHE MEETING IN WILMINGTON

The early weeks of breastfeeding are a time of learning for both you and your baby. Most of the time the process goes smoothly. If problems develop, it is rarely necessary to wean your baby. These topics will be explored on Friday, March 14 at 10 a.m. as La Leche League of Wilmington meets to discuss "The Art of Breastfeeding and Avoiding Difficulties" at the Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem St. (Rte 62),

Wilmington. Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month. Women from surrounding towns are welcome.

This meeting is the third in the current series of four monthly meetings open to nursing mothers and their babies, as well as pregnant and other interested women. The discussion is informal, with opportunity to ask questions and share experiences.

The group maintains a lending library of books on breastfeeding, childbirth and child care. La Leche League leaders may be called at any time for immediate help, encouragement, and practical suggestions regarding breastfeeding, or to obtain the manual, "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding."

For directions, further information or support call Terry 978-694-1073 or Karen 978-657-8301.

DIABETES EXPO IN BOSTON

The American Diabetes Assn. will present the 2003 Diabetes Expo from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 8 at the World Trade Center in Boston.

The event will feature more than 50 diabetes related vendors, free health screenings, healthy cooking demonstrations, product giveaways, multilingual speakers and children's activities.

General admission is \$10; seniors \$5; free for children 12 and under. Look for \$3 off coupons in February at CVS and other retail locations.

Free shuttle to and from North and South stations will be provided. For more information call 1-888-diabetes or visit www.diabetes.org.

CHURCH ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW

The 32nd Annual Antiques and Collectibles Show will be held at the Wakefield, 1st Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church St. March 28 from 5-9 p.m. and March 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

35 exhibitors, \$5 admission. Home cooked luncheon is available, handicapped accessible.

Appraisals Friday evening by Frank Kaminski (\$5 item or 3 for \$10). All are welcome. Take rte 128/95 to exit 40 and follow signs. For more information call 781-245-1539.

RELAY FOR LIFE KICKOFF RALLY

The American Cancer Society invites all area residents to attend a kickoff rally for the 2003 Relay for Life in the Billerica/Greater Lowell area.

Meet returning volunteers and learn about an exciting community events to fight cancer.

Come to the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School cafeteria, on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to reserve a place call Kellie at the American Cancer Society at 1-800-640-7101, press option 3, Ext. 127.

SYMPHONY AND CHAMBER CONCERT

The Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 28 in the Cochran Chapel. The program will feature Joan Huang, PA '03 performing Saint Saens Introduction and Rondo and Andrew McManus, PA '03 performing Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 2 under the direction of William Thomas.

The program will also include Bach's Double Violin Concerto under the direction of Peter Warsaw; A Lyrical Movement for String Orchestra by Joio under the direction of Elizabeth Aureden; and Brahms's Academic Festival Overture under the direction of William Thomas.

This concert is free and open to the public. Cochran Chapel is on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. It is handicapped accessible. For more information call the Phillip's Academy Music Dept at 978-749-4263 or email music@andover.edu.

MELROSE AARP MEETS MARCH 14

Chapter 1124 AARP will meet on Friday, March 14 at the Highlands Congregational Church, 355 Franklin St., Melrose. The church is handicapped accessible at the rear of the building on W. Highland Ave. Doors open at 1 p.m. followed by business meeting at 1:30.

Bob Caruso, accordionist will be entertaining. Anyone 50 years + is invited to come as a guest and find out more about the local chapter. Ask a friend, relative or neighbor to join for fellowship, entertainment and great refreshments. For further information call Wally Redding at 781-438-1554.

"A NIGHT OF PHENOMENAL WOMEN"

The Regis College Dance Company is set to showcase its talents on Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 15 at 2 p.m. in the Fine Art Center's Casey Theatre at Regis College. Admission is \$10 for the general public. For

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more information call the Box office at 781-768-7070.

The Regis College Dance Company will offer a repertoire of original dance compositions. Space, time, energy, manipulation of a phrase, and the power of a group will be explored through various styles from lyrical to jazz and tap. The theme of the performance is "A Night of Phenomenal Women". The production is both choreographed and performed entirely by Regis College students.

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

Former National Security Advisor Sandy Berger and former Asst. Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter will discuss how the U.S. should best respond to the growing threat of weapons of mass destruction throughout the world today.

The event takes place Tuesday, March 11, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and further information call 617-514-1643.

SINGERS WANTED NO AUDITIONS

The North Regional Theater Workshop is looking for adult voices (men and women) to perform in their 25th anniversary concert scheduled for May.

Rehearsals every Tuesday 7 p.m. at the Wilmington Arts Center, 159 Church Street (Rte. 62), Wilmington. For more information call 978-681-0355 or 978-658-0192. Visit the website www.nrtwinc.com.

32ND ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW

The 32nd Annual Antiques and Collectibles Show will be held at the First Parish Congregational Church, 1

Church St., Wakefield, Friday evening March 28 from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday March 29 from 10-4 p.m.

There are 35 exhibitors. A home cooked luncheon is available and there is handicapped access.

Appraisals will be done Friday evening by Frank Kaminski (\$5 an item or three for \$10). All are welcome.

Directions: Take 128/95 to exit 40 and follow the signs. (For more information call 781-245-1539.)

DINNER DANCE FOR BREAST CANCER

Friends Fighting Breast Cancer 6th annual gala Dinner Dance will be held at the Boston Copley Marriott Hotel, 110 Huntington Ave., Boston. Wheelchair accessible. 978-664-6947.

The date is March 15, Saturday, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. \$75 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, sit down dinner and dancing to the B Street Bombers Band, silent auction, raffle, violin duet.

Friends fighting Breast Cancer is a nonprofit volunteer group. Proceeds benefit breast cancer research at the Mass. General Hospital's Center for Cancer Risk Analysis in memory of co-founder Janet Connolly O'Neill who succumbed to the disease in August 2002 after a 13 year battle.

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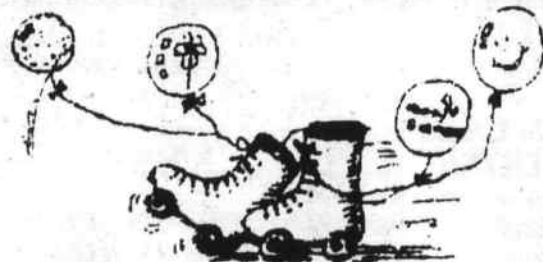
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This entertaining, informative two-day event will introduce expectant parents and young families to more than 200 exhibitors showcasing the newest products, latest in child care, parenting information and services, exciting interac-

tive children's activities, and free product samples and coupons.

"many parents find that being parent presents many new challenges," says Margery Gladstone, President of the American Baby Group. "they are always receptive to new, innovative products that will simplify life and make it more manageable. This event is designed for the entire family and will demonstrate products that are versatile, safe and really save space and time."

Expectant mother, parents-

to-be and grandparents will be provided with all the information they'll need to make the right decisions all under one roof.

Boston's 11th American Baby Faire will be held at the Bayside Expo Center, 200 Mt. Vernon St., Boston. Hours are Saturday, March 1, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 2, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission

for adults is \$8. Children under age 12 and grandparents are admitted free.

For more information, consumers can phone the toll free event line at 1-877-959-BABY.

March 1 - 9

Lowell Women's Week

A wide array of exhibits and programs are planned for Lowell Women's Week 2003 taking place from Saturday, March 1 through Sunday, March 9.

This year's events explore how women can individually and collectively nourish their spirit and inspire their dreams. It also explores ways to empower women to address societal issues that threaten or limit them from achieving their dreams.

The celebration takes place during March, proclaimed by a joint resolution of Congress in 1987 as Women's History Month. This month-long observance grew out of Women's History Week, initiated in 1978 by the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women and enacted in 1981 by a Joint Congressional Resolution. At the center of the celebration is International Women's Day, celebrated worldwide on March 8th.

All Women's Week events are free, unless otherwise noted. Women's Week events are open to all! Call (978) 970-5000 for more information/directions to all events.

Special Event: "A Taste of Culture" - February 28 at 6 p.m. A free festival with food, music and dancing celebrating various cultures. Sponsored by Parents As Community Leaders. Smith Baker Center, 400 Merrimack St.

V-Day College Campaign - February 27, 28 and March 1. The University of Massachusetts Lowell V-Day Collaborative announces the second annual College Campaign, using theatre and

• Be flexible. Temporary setbacks will happen. Be willing to adopt a new strategy if the one you're using isn't working.

• Make it a work in progress. Keep your resolution list fluid by crossing off goals accomplished and adding new ones throughout the year.

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Where are your New Year's resolutions?

It's February and New Year's plans for joining a gym, counting calories and finding more personal time may already be a memory. But what about career resolutions? According to career expert Liz Hughes, follow-through is essential. Hughes is executive director of OfficeTeam, a leading staffing firm specializing in highly skilled administrative professionals.

"Professional goals frequently take a backseat to daily workloads and other priorities," Hughes said. "Yet pursuing these objectives can be a catalyst for making changes in other areas of one's life, such as reducing stress, increasing income, or balancing work and family demands."

Hughes offers the following six tips for staying focused on career goals:

• Keep them visible. Don't make a time capsule of professional resolutions. It does no good to tuck them away and revisit them on December 31 to see what you accomplished. Write them down and place them somewhere visible so you'll be reminded of them daily.

• Follow the buddy system. Enlist the help of friends or colleagues to keep on track. If your goal is to expand your contact list, invite an associate to attend a networking function with you.

• Break it up. It's easy to become discouraged by resolutions that appear overly ambitious or too time consuming. Instead, outline your objectives and plan what you will do on a quarterly, monthly and weekly basis to achieve them.

• Treat yourself. Accomplishing your career goals is a reward in itself, but be sure to pat yourself on the back along the way. If your

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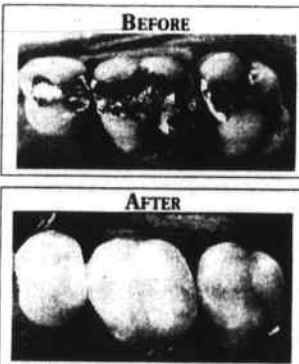
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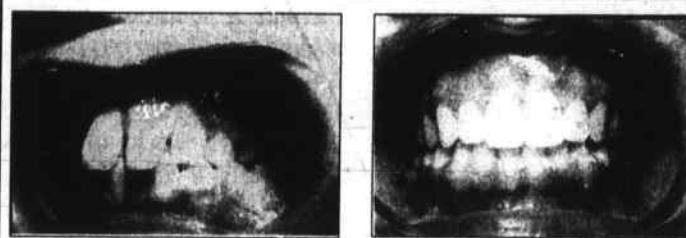
stencil pictures, write with markers, or scan photos and recipes to put on your apron with transfer paper. Leave your apron until March 8 to be proudly displayed during Women's Week. Apron pick-up: Saturday, March 8 between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Apron cost is \$15. Friends Fabric Art, 177 Merrimack St.

Reflections: Fashion, Dolls, and the Art Growing Up - Through March 23. A nostalgic trip through childhood and a look at how girl's perceptions of themselves and the fashions they emulate have changed.

gump the fantasies of earlier generations of children and compare them to your own notions of childhood, girlhood and womanhood. Adults 17+ \$8; children 6-16, seniors and students with ID \$4; children under 6 free. American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton St.

New Quilts from an Old Favorite: Tumbling Blocks Through March 22. Innovative Quilts Inspired by a traditional Pattern. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors/students. New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck St.

Photovoice: Girls' Visions, Girls' Voices - March 1-9. Photovoice puts cameras in the hands of the community, enabling them to take photographs and write narratives about resources and needs as seen from their perspective. Middlesex Community College, 33 Kearney Sq.



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The Farmhouse Colonial was minted in 1999. With details, styling & decor that mirror an 18th century farmhouse this property is located

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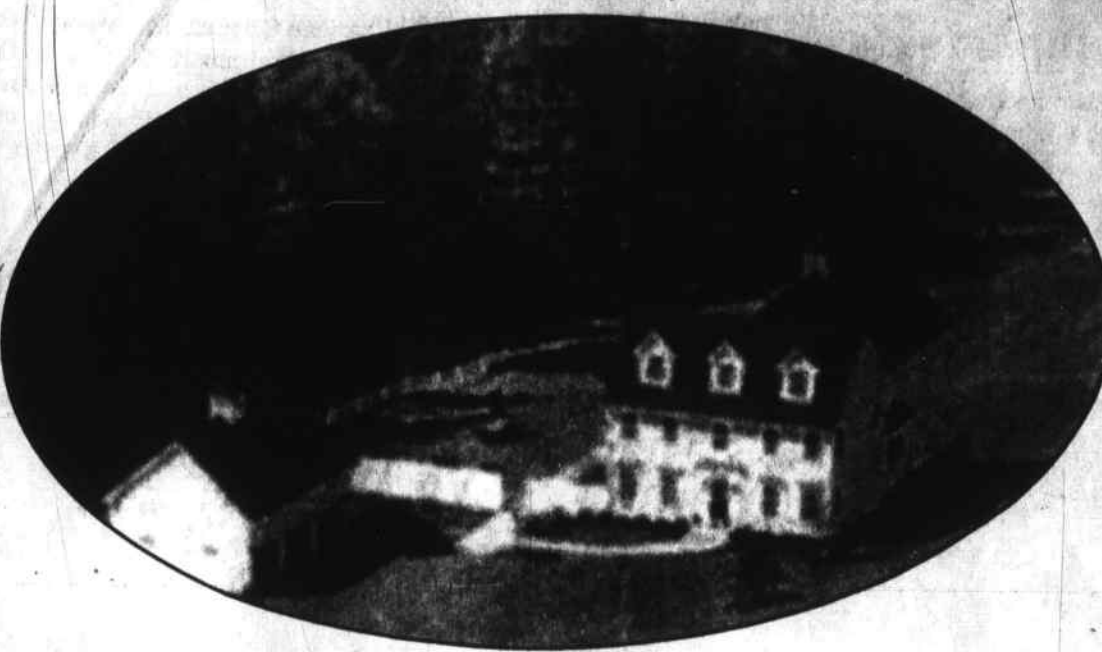
Located on 1.8 rolling acres the exquisite parcel has 100 feet of frontage located directly on Eisenhower Pond. The scene overlooking the pond is vaguely reminiscent of Castle Hill in Ipswich.

The lines of the home are understated, detail moldings embrace crisp lines. Genuine eight over 12 windows invite the serene setting within.

A separate three-car garage

houses an unfinished loft and cupola with lighting. A spacious foyer displays burnished copper lighting and true to the era and Genre of the home boasts detailing, a straight staircase and smooth nine foot closed ceiling.

A huge dining room boasts the same detail. Beyond a wonderful butlers pantry adjoins a magnificent kitchen that boasts everything from multi-windows, mahogany cabinetry to a field-stone gas fireplace. Two steps

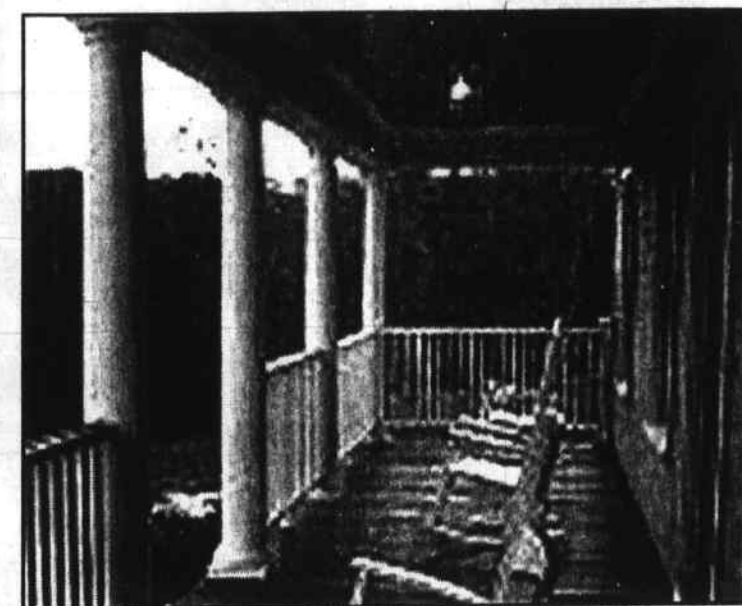


THIS 18TH CENTURY STYLE house was built in 1999 and is situated on 1.8 rolling acres overlooking Eisenhower Pond.

down, the cavernous family room also boasts a stone fireplace that is thermostatically controlled. Spectacular pond views are found along the back wall of glass.

Much of the first floor is adorned with mahogany in-laid hardwood. Off the kitchen, the back staircase ascends to the second floor where four large bedrooms are found. The master bedroom is a fantastic retreat.

Encompassing a significant



Family room with stone fireplace and tranquil back porch

portion of the back of the home, it also offers excellent views of the property. The master bath is spacious and exquisite in detail. Double sinks are crowned in traditional white tile. A magnificent row of windows sits atop the whirlpool bath enabling a gorgeous view of the pond and private yard.

A huge separate tile shower, make-up vanities and beautiful mahogany cabinetry finish the picture. Each of the remaining bedrooms occupy the remaining corners of the home giving privacy and space.

All have double closets and boast high ceilings. A third staircase goes to the third floor. While unfinished, there is expansion potential.

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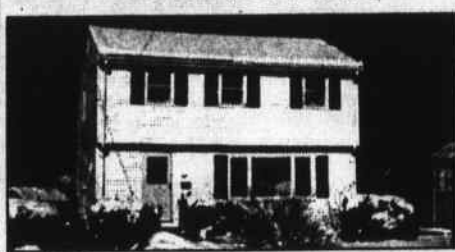


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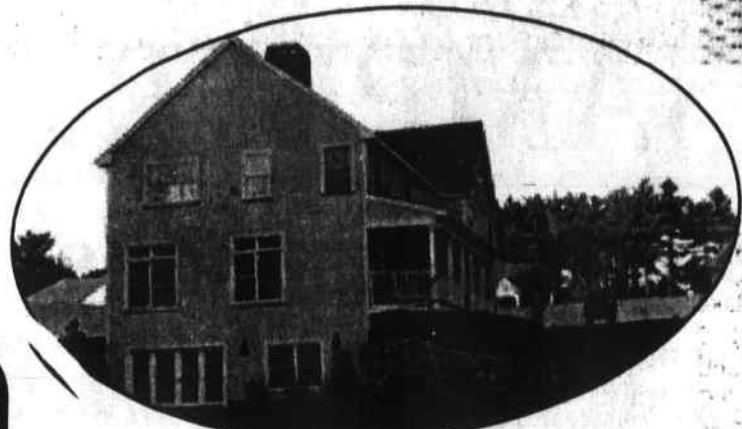
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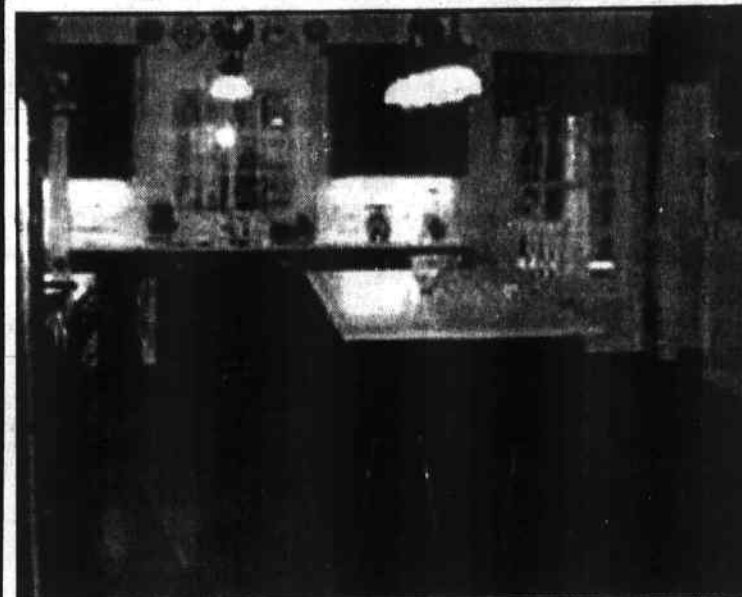
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READING



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READING



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EARLY 1800 COLONIAL with 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, family room, newer heating, roof and siding. A real "FIXER-UPPER." \$299,900

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LOVELY 9 RM JOHNSTON BUILT COL! West side neighborhood, 4-5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, lge fenced yard w/heated in-ground pool. A Must See! \$649,900

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OUTSTANDING FREE STANDING TOWNHOUSE @ The Greens. This bright sunny home offers 1st flr MBR suite, 2 car att. garage, great loc & more. \$549,900

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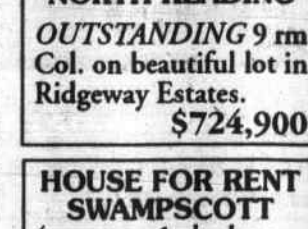
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-BURLINGTON-

Median Price: \$307,000

4 MAPLE ST was sold to Daniel J Hanafin & Angela Hanafin by Gerard E Hanafin & Cecile E Hanafin for \$390,000
1 MARIE CIR was sold to Karen Kocharyan & Mary Hakobyan by Jean M Ross for \$360,000
142 MILL ST was sold to Brian R Santhumayor & Deepa N Santhumayor by Janet M Pontifex for \$349,000
1 TEABERRY LN was sold to James A Kasparian & Kelly R Kasparian by Russell J Frink for \$372,500
6 VIRGINIA RD was sold to Susan M Shipka by Robert Westwater & Patricia R Westwater for \$334,900
NO STREET GIVEN was sold to Shaws Rlty Co by A&D Rt & Alfred S Busa Tr for \$6,000,000

-LYNNFIELD-

No Real Estate Sales Were Recorded for This Week.

-NORTH READING-

Median Price: \$296,250

8 DEER RUN DR was sold to Wayne A Anderson & Nancy E Coyle by Deer Run Dev Inc for \$660,600
6 HARVEST LN was sold to Joseph M Gattuso & Maria Gattuso by Joseph P Tutrone & Deborah M Tutrone for \$525,100
247 HAVERHILL ST was sold to William Spencer by Philip Emile Jr for \$375,000
10 NUTTER RD was sold to John Guarino 3rd by Cecelia A Decoteau & Wayne C Decoteau for \$447,500
NO STREET GIVEN was sold to Omc Home Llp by Palmer Robert W Est & Scott A Bryson for \$287,000

-READING-

Median Price: \$315,000

9 HANSCOM AVE was sold to James Devito & Barbara Devito by Durwood W Moody & Jeanette E Moody for \$380,000
40 HARVEST RD was sold to Dennis J Watson & Thomas J Bringola Jr by Dennis J Watson & Nancy M Watson for \$185,000
923 MAIN ST was sold to Thomas J Howard by James L Devito & Barbara H Devito for \$298,000
1301 MAIN ST was sold to Kevin R Wells & Karen A Parziale by Richard A Donnelly Jr & Marylou Donnelly for \$289,000
10 MARK AVE was sold to Mark V Manfredi & Colleen D Manfredi by Donegan Paul M Est & Margaret R Bruce for \$299,900
25 PIERCE ST U:5 was sold to Mark A Mclean by Gerard E Welch Inc for \$342,500
605 SUMMER AVE U:A258 was sold to Frank J Prekop Jr & Joan M Prekop by Stephen W Mitchell for \$245,000
51 WINTHROP AVE was sold to Leo H Sarazen & Susan M Sarazen by Charles V Doherty & Patricia H Doherty for \$399,900

-STONEHAM-

Median Price: \$295,000

19 DEWITT RD was sold to Alan Fatemi & Lادن Fatemi by Douglas Orciani & Tara Orciani for \$463,000
20-22 EMERSON ST was sold to Lucas Ferreira & Neusa Sasso S Antonio Pereira for \$350,000
120 MACARTHUR RD was sold to James J McCarthy by Thomas J Howard for \$382,000
6 SHERIDAN RD was sold to Jeffrey R Coleman & Nancy E Coleman by Annamarie L Rice for \$425,000
3 SUMMER ST was sold to Angelo Cavuto & Marianna Dimarco by Sarah L Ludwig for \$274,000
4 WESCOTT RD was sold to Andrew Milas & Dimitra E Milas by Joni R Krueger for \$340,000

-TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: \$259,900

97 APACHE WAY U:97 was sold to Paul L Pothier & Shirley M Pothier by Brian H Boesen for \$212,000
30 CHUCKIES WAY was sold to Harold T Winn by Diana Whelton for \$411,000
44 MARSTON ST was sold to Daniel A Marcantonio Tr & Marcantonio RT by Carl W Rychwa & Toni Marie Rychwa for \$177,000

-WAKEFIELD-

Median Price: \$300,000

804 MAIN ST U:19 was sold to Brian T Bloom & Kirsty D Bloom by Jnr T & Jeffrey N Rosenberg for \$348,000
66 MELVIN ST was sold to Franklin C Leone & Wendy B Leone by John P Leone for \$360,000
1 MILLBROOK LN U:306 \$121,500 was sold to Melissa Hurley by Millbrook Ests Llc for \$121,500
1 MILLBROOK LN U:307 was sold to Sharyn E McGann by Millbrook Ests Llc for \$229,900
1 MILLBROOK LN U:308 was sold to Edward J Muse & Judith C Muse by Millbrook Ests Llc for \$289,900
139 MONTROSE AVE was sold to Audric Jai Cauvet & Stephanie Cauvet by Jeffrey B Andre & Nedret Andrea for \$285,000
21 WAKEFIELD AVE was sold to Anthony J Orlofski Jr & Jeanne B Orlofski by Stephen F Dooley for \$475,000

-WILMINGTON-

No Real Estate Sales were recorded for this week.

-WINCHESTER-

Median Price: \$564,000

10 BELLEVUE AVE was sold to Guanqing Chen & Guannan Chen by Rolf D Patrick & Christina O Patrick for \$425,000
20 LAKE ST U:A was sold to Leonardo Ligresti & Silvia Spingolo by Atul Handa for \$309,900
42 MAXWELL RD was sold to Paul Mydelski & Elizabeth D Carney by Maria M Brennan & Paul C Brennan for \$510,000
NO STREET GIVEN was sold to Jeffrey R Naroian & Suzy Naroian by Ann C Davoli for \$539,000

-WOBURN-

Median Price: \$260,000

FAIRWAY DR was sold to Margaret E Newell by Sean M Dalton & Julie C Dalton for \$574,500
62 HARRISDN AVE was sold to Leslie R Selvitella & John J Flaherty by Maureen Eagan for \$215,000
14 HOLDEN PL was sold to Philip A Rotondo Jr & Erica M Rotondo by Robert F Callahan for \$387,000
422 PLACE LN U:422 was sold to Barbara Digorgio & Dante Digorgio by John Forsyth & Marian E Forsyth for \$307,000
33 SYLVANUS WOOD LN was sold to Denise M Mcsheffrey by Mary Izabel Moniz for \$440,000
58 WINTER ST was sold to Antonio A Camacho by Joseph J Barnack for \$404,000
91 WOOD ST was sold to Diane Barry Costanza & Providenza Barry by David F Russo & Gail S Russo for \$350,000

Colonial Manor Freni "Broker of Year"

Colonial Manor Realty, its owners Bobbie Botticelli and Rick Nazzaro, along with all associates, wish to congratulate Ron Freni for achieving "Broker of the Year" for 2002. This distinction is awarded annually to the Colonial Manor associate who achieves the highest dollar volume in sales for the year.

A very busy and successful year for Ron, he was also honored with "Broker of the Quarter" status for the second quarter of 2002. Owner Botticelli states that "Ron is probably one of the hardest working, most dedicated realtors serving this area. His attention to detail and profes-

sionalism are just two of many reasons why he is so successful." Adds owner Nazzaro, "Ron is also well liked and respected by not only Colonial Manor Realty's agents but also by his peers throughout this area. His friendliness and helpfulness are wonderful traits that are appreciated by all of us."

If you have any questions regarding real estate, please give Ron a call at 781-944-6300 or 978-664-5857, or visit him at the offices of Colonial Manor Realty at 127 Franklin Street in Reading (across from HomeGoods.)



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Mindy joined the Greers' team in 1994 with a very solid background in sales and customer service. She is a consistent top producer and recipient

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MINDY WIDTFELDT
She is a member of the

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Mindy is a dedicated professional; tenacious in her efforts to provide her customers with a top level of service at all times. This practice has awarded her a substantial client base who repeatedly refer family and friends and return to her for their own real estate needs over and over again. She is well liked and respected by her peers as well as her clients.

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- Clean and service air conditioning units to remove pollen and other allergens trapped during prior use.

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often to prevent dust transfer from one piece of furniture to the next.

- Stay away from dustwands, brooms and feather dusters. These tools merely move dirt and dust around. Vacuum all surfaces thoroughly, preferably with a HEPA-filter vacuum, catching dust on baseboards, high ledges, upholstery and ceiling fans.

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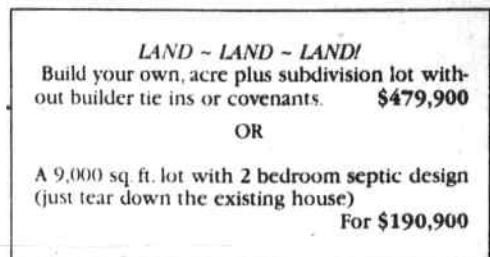
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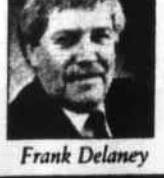
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NEW TO MARKET! Well maintained, sunny & bright 7 rm, 3 bedrm Colonial w/pretty foyer & staircase, lovely flrs, spacious living rm & dining rm, eat-in kitchen, remodeled bath, enclosed front porch, private fenced yard with patio & pool.

READING \$424,900



Fabulous West Side neighborhood for this 8 rm, 1.5 bath Victorian with high ceilings, pocket door, lovely staircase & wood detail, partially finished 3rd flr, great front porch & nice lot.

WAKEFIELD \$354,900



JUST LISTED! Attractive oversized custom built Cape w/spacious & sunny rooms. Nice entry foyer w/arch doorway leading to large LR w/pretty FP & built-in bookcases. 2 spacious BR & bath on 1st flr. Oak stairs lead to full attic ready to finish w/white windows & dormer. Encl breezeway & garage.

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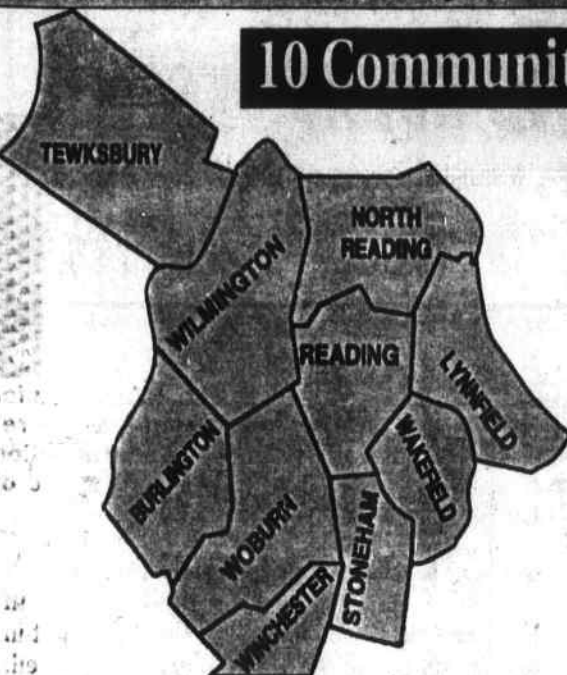


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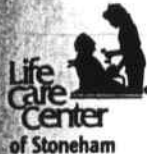
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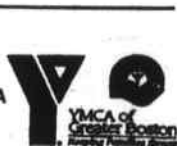
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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"Darkness Falls" has redeeming moments

MOVIE: "DARKNESS FALLS"
GRADE: **

Review: At first glance, this horror movie appears to be one of those paint-by-numbers scarefests that Hollywood churns out about six times a year these days, to lure teenage daters into the theater for a night, but this one is not without a few redeeming moments.

The story centers around a retelling of the famous tooth fairy story, but with a twist - this time the tooth fairy is a bit angry at the residents of a town called Darkness Falls, and is taking teeth whether they are ready to fall out or not, and whether the people they are coming from are alive or dead.

Just when you think you have this one figured out there is a genuinely scary scene to make you sit up and take notice, but as a viewer you are much better off waiting to rent this one, rather than spend money on the top prices at the box office.

SHORTTAKES

MOVIE: "DAREDEVIL"
GRADE: ***

Review: This Ben Affleck-driven movie isn't as good comic book-come-to-life movie as last year's 'Spiderman', but it definitely has its moments of greatness.

Affleck stars as a lawyer who was blinded as a child, thereby developing super-acute hearing and sensory perception as he grew older, as well as a form of human sonar. He decides that by night he will fight crime, and dons a leather outfit to create the 'Daredevil' character, a crimefighter who is known for performing acrobatic stunts as he fights evildoers.

The cats is great, with Jennifer Garner playing Affleck's love interest Electra, Michael Clarke Duncan as crime boss The Kingpin, and Colin Farrell as

punk assassin Bullseye. The movie rolls right along until the very end, where you are expecting a grand, climactic finish but instead get the perfect setup for a sequel.

MOVIE: "HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS"
GRADE: **

Review: Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey star in the latest romantic comedy to come out of Hollywood.

Hudson plays a woman who tries to get a guy who she is dating to kick her to the curb, but what she doesn't know is that he in turn has accepted a bet to get her to fall in love with him. What they both don't realize, of course, is that they are perfect for each other, a fact the audience is led to assume from the beginning.

Hudson and McConaughey actually have some chemistry together, and the fact that they make a believable couple helps to carry this film along some of the bumps in the plot. The film is enjoyable, and would make a perfect date movie for the upcoming Valentine's Day weekend.

MOVIE: "CONFESSIONS OF A DANGEROUS MIND"
GRADE: ***

Review: Actor George Clooney makes his directorial debut, and appears onscreen, in this strange story.

Sam Rockwell stars as Chuck Barris, the television programming mind behind such hits The Dating Game and The Gong Show, who in his autobiography claimed to also be a hitman for the CIA during his hours away from the game shows.

Clooney's style is a bit erratic, but the story is interesting enough to keep the viewer interested. Rockwell's performance as Barris is right on the money, and the film features appearances by Clooney pals Julia Roberts and Drew Barrymore.

MOVIE: "KANGAROO JACK"
GRADE: *

Review: The fact that this lame attempt at comedy was the number one movie at the box office its opening weekend is one of the first signs that the horsemen of the Apocalypse are on their way.

Jerry O'Connell, a bit player in many teen comedies and the star football player that every agent wants to sign in 'Jerry Maguire', takes over as the star in this movie about thieves who lose their loot, but he is overshadowed by a computer-generated kangaroo named Kangaroo Jack, who finds the money and refuses to give it back.

Sound funny? If so, then head for the theater. If not, then you may agree that an afternoon in the dentist's chair is a more enjoyable and worthwhile way to spend your time and money than on this celluloid slop.

MOVIE: "25TH HOUR"
GRADE: ***

Review: Edward Norton adds to his ever-growing list of memorable film performances in this new Spike Lee film.

Norton plays Monty Brogan, a novice and small-time drug dealer in New York who ends up getting caught and sentenced to a seven-year stay in jail. The film chronicles his activities over the last 24 hours he has as a free man.

While the film itself is a look at the results of living life on the fringes of the law, it also examines life in New York in current times. A depressing film overall, but Norton's performance is outstanding, and Philip Seymour Hoffman turns in his usual excellent supporting role.

"M.E.'s for You"

School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

MOVING RIGHT ALONG...

Always in season in Wilmington

"He was able to put together two of the most memorable individual seasons seen in a long time," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier" in naming the Male Athlete of the Year, Derek Hanley.

"In wrestling, he became the program's fourth Division 3 state champion, while he lost a heartbreaker at the all-state meet to take second, while he followed that up with a fifth place finish at the New England Meet.

"And in football he rushed for 1,172 yards, scored 16 touchdowns and added 320 receiving yards and another score to help the Wildcats to a 7-4 season. He was a two sport captain, but more impressively he's one of the most talented kids to play sports at WHS in many years.

"I think it's a great honor for him," said wrestling coach Mike Pimental. "He showed he deserves it with what he did last year. He did a lot of off-season work and he is very gung-ho about being the best this year in the state, all-state and New England meets. No matter what he's involved in, he puts forth a great effort."

"In wrestling he's accomplished a lot of milestones. He's the first wrestler to crack 100 wins, he's the first underclassman to win the state championship and we're hoping he's the first wrestler to be crowned a two-time state champion."

"When Derek Hanley came to WHS as a freshman, Pimental knew he had something special. Hanley had participated in the youth wrestling program and it was obvious that he has the tools of being a good wrestler."

"I didn't know anything as a freshman," he said. "I got killed. So I went to some camps for some help."

"As a sophomore, Hanley improved drastically and really emerged as a prolific wrestler. But last year he took his game to a much higher level..."

'Anglin' for more in Winchester

"Attendance at Winchester Youth Town Meeting was alarmingly low," notes Laura Anglin in the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"A panel of influential town officials and figureheads made themselves available to discuss student issues, yet few WHS students pursued this opportunity to make their voices heard."

"The forum focused heavily on substance abuse, although it was designed to also address the issues of school safety, youth/police relations, and the creation of a youth/community center. The number of questions addressing substance abuse emphasized the need to aptly address this issue."

"Ryan Pickering, a senior at WHS, asked the panel to briefly state their views on substance abuse at WHS. Liz Silva, the Winchester Substance Abuse Coalition director, discussed the 2001 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), pointing out alarming statistics. Silva expressed her concern to the students, saying that 'you might be a small percentage of us, but you are one hundred percent of our future.'"

"School Resource Officer Dan Perenick remembered an accident that occurred 13 years ago, resulting in the death of two WHS students who had been drinking and driving. He believes that 'it is just a matter of time before it happens here again,' and would like to prevent any such accidents."

"Students raised questions surrounding the penalties for

being caught drinking. Athletic Director Rob Wargo explained that he is currently rethinking the rules, and is considering adopting a guilty by association policy. This policy would punish any student caught attending a party (whether or not he was under the influence of drugs/alcohol).

"School Committee Chairman Peter Haley voiced his personal concerns. Haley said the issue should not be the enforcement of rules or the fear of getting caught, but rather teaching the students that 'there is more to your life than having three beers on some January night.'"

"According to the YRBS statistics, by senior year, over 70 percent of WHS students reported using alcohol in the thirty days prior to the survey. In this same time frame, 231 students reported riding in a car with a driver who had been drinking and 160 students reported consuming alcohol and then driving themselves. These statistics are a cause for major concern..."

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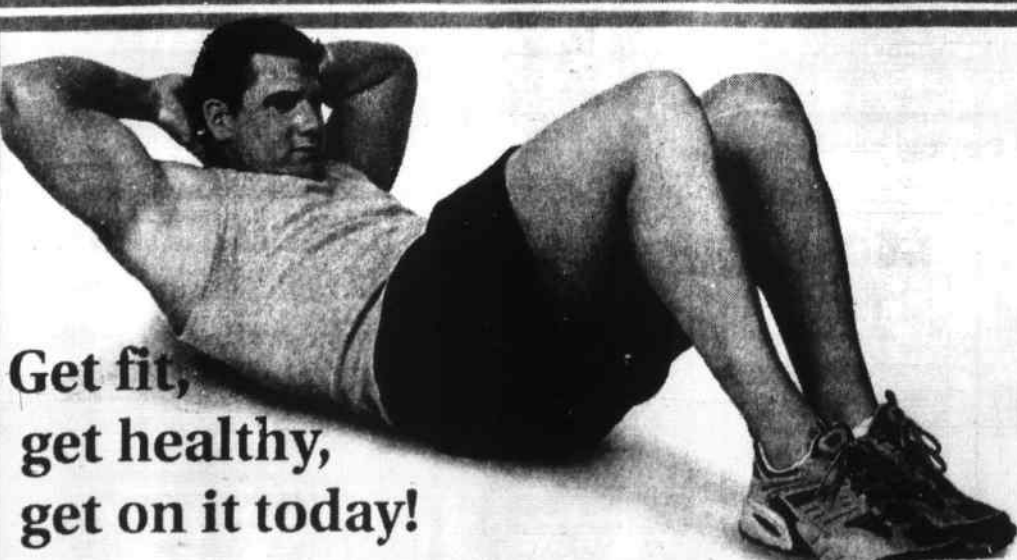
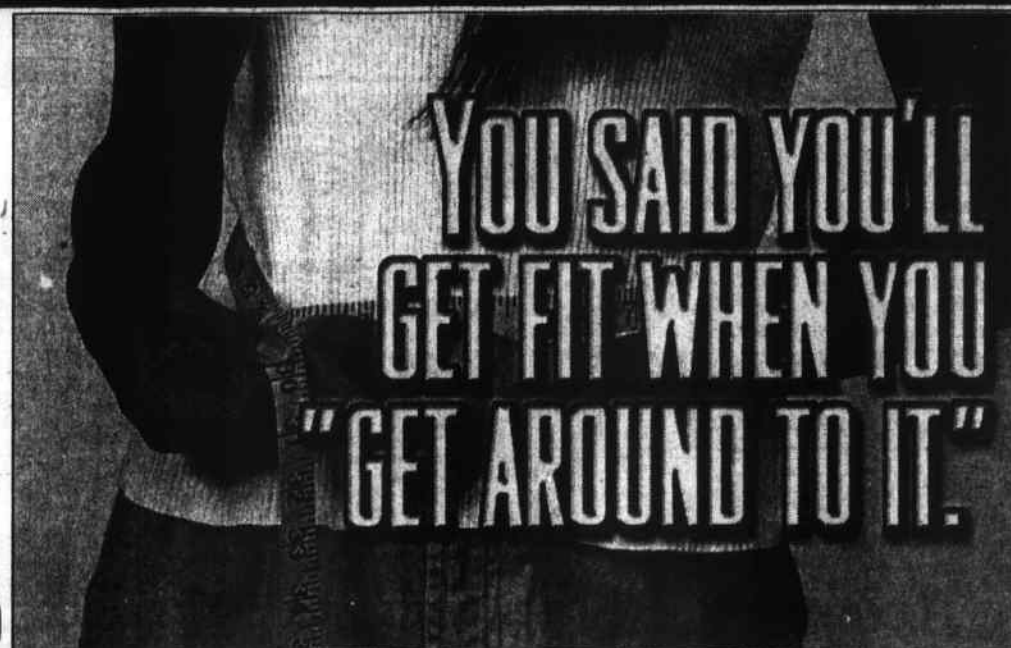
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